

RAISING A READER: YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND MOST LOVED TEACHER

Children need to see and hear hundreds of books before they are ready to learn how to read. Families that read with their child just 20 minutes a day are building essential pre-reading skills, plus strong and loving relationships.

These recommended read-aloud books will entertain, teach, and inspire your child's imagination. They will connect your child with outstanding authors and illustrators. But this list is only the beginning. At the library check-out one recommended book, and then choose others that interest your child. At home, reread favorite books together often. Aim to read three picture books most days.

Have fun reading together! Snuggle with your child and books for 20 minutes every day. You are giving your child a valuable, lasting advantage: **A strong reading foundation that supports a lifetime of reading success and enjoyment.**

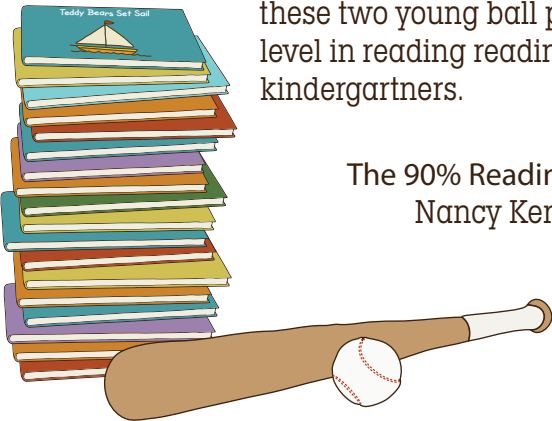


BASEBALL AND BOOKS: PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Imagine a kid who practices batting and pitching a ball to his dad an hour every day all summer, from the time the child is three until he is eight. [May, June, July, August = 120 hours a year for 5 years.]

Imagine a second kid – no practice, no training, has never slipped his hand in a baseball glove, has never run the bases, has never swung a bat, has never seen a full game played.

Imagine that they turn out the same day for Little League try-outs. The skill level between these two young ball players is like the skill level in reading readiness of our incoming kindergartners.



The 90% Reading Goal by Lynn Fielding, Nancy Kerr, Paul Rosier (1998) p49

MY FAVORITE BOOKS

There are 1000s of terrific picture books, and your child is sure to have favorites that aren't in this brochure. Look for other books by authors your child likes, such as Jan Brett, Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, Paul Galdone, Robert Munsch, Jane Yolen, and many others.

Make your own list here!

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READY! FOR READING

101 Wonderful Books
Every Child Should Hear
Before Kindergarten



Read with your child
20 minutes every day



MY READING RECORD: _____

Child's Name

Display this chart at home where you and your child share books. When you finish a book, draw a star, happy face or place a sticker next to the title.

Talk about what happened in the story, and mention the main idea, such as, “We counted 10 ladybugs” or “The Little Engine never gave up trying.” Did your child like this picture book? Why or why not? These conversations help your child grow up to be a confident reader and thinker.

1. Abuela by Arthur Dorros

2. Alphabet Rescue by Audrey Wood

3. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

4. All By Myself by Mercer Mayer

5. Are You My Mother? by Phillip D. Eastman

6. Arthur by Marc Tolon Brown

7. Bark, George by Jules Feiffer

8. Book! Book! Book! by Deborah Bruss

9. Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? by Bill Martin

10. But Not the Hippopotamus by Sandra Boynton

11. Can You Moo? by David Wojtowycz

12. Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

13. Cars and Trucks and Things that Go by Richard Scarry

14. Chewy Louie by Howie Schneider

15. Chica, Chica, Boom, Boom by Bill Martin

16. Clifford the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell

17. Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert

18. Corduroy by Don Freeman

19. Cornelius P. Mud, Are You Ready for Bed? by Barney Saltzberg

20. Curious George by H. A. Rey

21. Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff

22. Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems

23. Ducks on a Bike by David Shannon

24. Five Little Monkey's Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow

25. Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

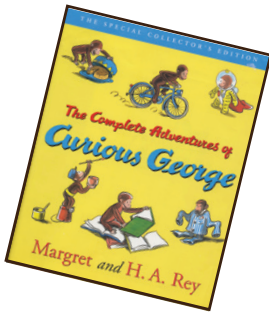
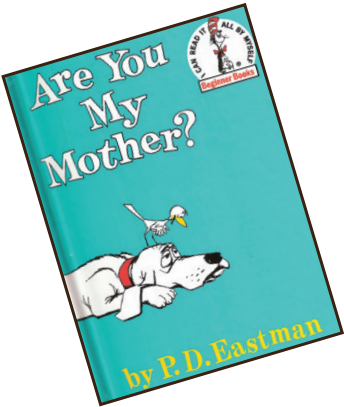
26. Flora McDonnell's ABC by Flora McDonnell

27. Flower Garden by Eve Bunting

28. Fluffy and Baron by Laura Rankin

29. Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel

30. Froggy Goes to School by Jonathan London



31. Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings by Matthew Van Fleet

32. Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann

33. Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

34. Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site by Tom Lichtenheld

35. Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

36. Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney

37. Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson

38. Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion

39. He Came with the Couch by David Slonim

40. How a Seed Grows by Helene J. Jordan

41. How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? by Jane Yolen

42. If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

43. Incredible Book Eating Boy by Oliver Jeffers

44. Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino

45. It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles Shaw

46. Jamaica and Brianna by Juanita Havill

47. Jamberry by Bruce Degen

48. Jump, Frog, Jump! by Robert Kalan

49. L M N O Peas by Keith Baker

50. Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus

51. Letters and Sounds by Rosemary Wells

52. Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

53. Little Mama Forgets by Robin Cruise

54. Love You Forever by Robert N. Munsch

55. Lyle, Lyle Crocodile by Bernard Waber

56. Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans

57. Martha Speaks by Susan Meddaugh

58. Max's Dragon Shirt by Rosemary Wells

59. May I Bring a Friend? by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers

60. Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

61. Mr. Grumpy's Outing by John Burningham

62. My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

63. My Map Book by Sara Fanelli

64. On the Day I Was Born by Debbi Chocolate

65. On the Night You Were Born by Nancy Tillman

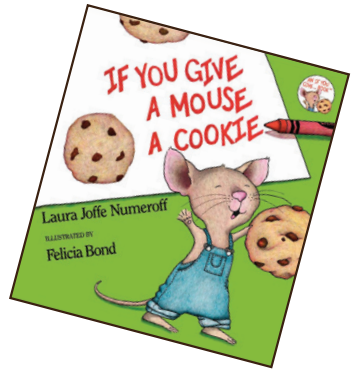
66. One Duck Stuck by Phyllis Root

67. Owen by Kevin Henkes

68. Pancakes for Breakfast by Tomie DePaola

69. Pete's a Pizza by William Steig

70. Press Here by Herve Tullet



71. Rain, Rain, Rain Forest by Brenda Z. Guiberson

72. Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young by Jack Prelutsky

73. Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins

74. Skippyjon Jones by Judy Schachner

75. So Much by Trish Cooke

76. Sort It Out by Barbara Mariconda

77. Stellaluna by Janell Cannon

78. Swirl by Swirl by Joyce Sidman

79. Swimmy by Nina Crews

80. Taxi, Taxi by Cari Best

81. Ten Little Ladybugs by Melanie Gerth

82. Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang

83. The Big Trip by Valeri Gorbachev

84. The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

85. The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

86. The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

87. The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper

88. The Little Red Hen by Paul Galdone

89. The Mitten by Jan Brett

90. The Napping House by Audrey Wood

91. The Neighborhood Mother Goose by Nina Crews

92. The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

93. The Random House Book of Mother Goose by Arnold Lobel

94. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

95. The Wide Mouthed Frog by Keith Faulkner

96. We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

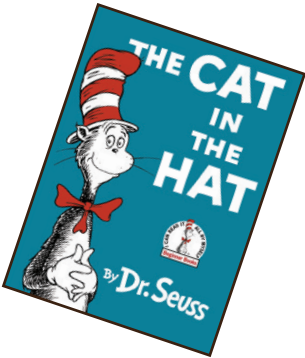
97. Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

98. Where's Spot? by Eric Hill

99. Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox

100. Wolf! by Suzanne Bloom

101. Yoko Learns to Read by Rosemary Wells



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for Kindergarten

