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

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Visit www.readingfoundation.org for more read-aloud tips and titles.
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.

### My Reading Record:

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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 Philipp D. Eastman
6. Arthur by Marc Tolon Brown
7. Bark, George by Jules Feiffer
8. Book! Book! Book! by Deborah Bruss
10. But Not the Hippopotamus by Sandra Magsamen
11. Can You Moo? by Sandra Boynton
12. Cake for the Chef by Hans Christian Andersen
13. Cars and Trucks and Things that Go by Richard Scarry
14. Chewy Louie by Horrie 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. Concorday by Dan Freeman
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 Monkeys 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 Label
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 Jumita Havill
47. Jamberry by Bruce Degen
48. Jump, Frog Jump by Robert Kalman
49. L M N O P by Keith Baker
50. Lea 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 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. Rose’s Walk by Pat Hutchins
74. Skippyjon Jones by Judy Schachner
75. So Much by Trish Cooke
76. Sort It Out by Barbara Marinonda
77. Stella Luna by Janell Cannon
78. Swirl by Swirl by Joyce Sidman
79. Swimmy by Nina Crews
80. Taxi, Taxi by Cizi Best
81. Ten Little Ladybugs by Melanerie Gershin
82. Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang
83. The Big Trip by Valerie Gaskochev
84. The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
85. The Guffalo 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 Paula Goldstein
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 Moused 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