

## 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 and learning 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 learning and reading 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 3 until he is 8. [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 tryouts. 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 The Children's Reading Foundation

## MY FAVORITE BOOKS

There are thousands 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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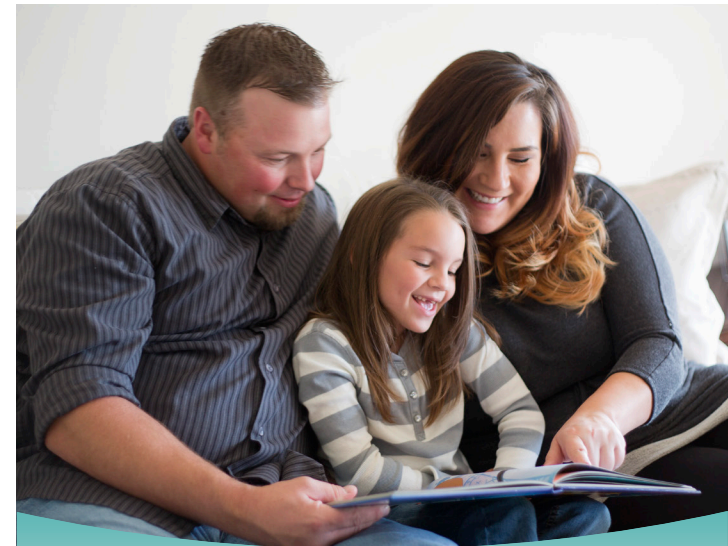
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# READY! FOR READING

101 Wonderful Books  
Every Child Should Hear  
Before Kindergarten



Read with your child  
20 minutes every day.



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Research based - Parent approved

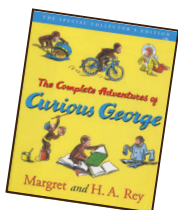
# MY READING RECORD:

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

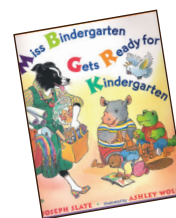
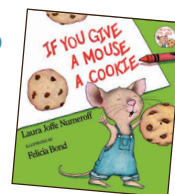
Display this chart at home where you and your child share books. When you finish a book, draw a star, happy face, or place a sticker next to the title.

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. **Arthur's off to School** by Marc Brown
6. **Bark, George** by Jules Feiffer
7. **Bear Snores On** by Karma Wilson
8. **Blue Hat, Green Hat** by Sandra Boynton
9. **Book! Book! Book!** by Deborah Bruss
10. **Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?** by Bill Martin Jr.
11. **But Not the Hippopotamus** by Sandra Boynton
12. **Caps for Sale** by Esphyr Slobodkina
13. **Cars and Trucks and Things that Go** by Richard Scarry
14. **Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom** by Bill Martin
15. **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type** by Doreen Cronin
16. **Clifford the Big Red Dog** by Norman Bridwell
17. **Color Zoo** by Lois Ehlert
18. **Corduroy** by Don Freeman
19. **Curious George** by H. A. Rey
20. **Danny and the Dinosaur** by Syd Hoff
21. **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!** by Mo Willems
22. **Duck on a Bike** by David Shannon
23. **Du Iz Tak?** by Carson Ellis
24. **Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed** by Eileen Christelow
25. **Flat Stanley** by Jeff Brown
26. **Flower Garden** by Eve Bunting
27. **Fluffy and Baron** by Laura Rankin
28. **Frog and Toad Are Friends** by Arnold Lobel
29. **Froggy Goes to School** by Jonathan London
30. **From Head to Toe** by Eric Carle
31. **Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings** by Matthew Van Fleet
32. **Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn** by Kenard Pak



33. **Good Night, Gorilla** by Peggy Rathmann
34. **Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown
35. **Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site** by Tom Lichtenheld
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. **Hooray for Fish!** by Lucy Cousins
41. **How a Seed Grows** by Helene J. Jordan
42. **How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?** by Jane Yolen
43. **How Rocket Learned to Read** by Tad Hills
44. **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff
45. **Incredible Book Eating Boy** by Oliver Jeffers
46. **Is Your Mama a Llama?** by Deborah Guarino
47. **It Looked Like Spilt Milk** by Charles Shaw
48. **Jamaica and Brianna** by Juanita Havill
49. **Jamberry** by Bruce Degen
50. **Jump, Frog, Jump!** by Robert Kalan
51. **Llama Llama Red Pajama** by Anna Dewdney
52. **LMNO Peas** by Keith Baker
53. **Lemons Are Not Red** by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
54. **Leo the Late Bloomer** by Robert Kraus
55. **Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse** by Kevin Henkes
56. **Love You Forever** by Robert N. Munsch
57. **Lyle, Lyle Crocodile** by Bernard Waber
58. **Madeline** by Ludwig Bemelmans
59. **Martha Speaks** by Susan Meddaugh
60. **Max's Dragon Shirt** by Rosemary Wells
61. **May I Bring a Friend?** by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers
62. **Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten** by Joseph Slate
63. **Mr. Gumpy's Outing** by John Burningham
64. **My Map Book** by Sara Fanelli
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. **Peek-a Who?** by Nina Laden
70. **Pete's a Pizza** by William Steig
71. **Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons** by Eric Litwin
72. **The Pout-Pout Fish** by Deborah Diesen
73. **Press Here** by Herve Tullet



74. **Rain, Rain, Rain Forest** by Brenda Z. Guiberson
75. **Read-Along Rhymes for the Very Young** by Jack Prelutsky
76. **Rosie's Walk** by Pat Hutchins
77. **Skippyjon Jones** by Judy Schachner
78. **The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats
79. **So Much** by Trish Cooke
80. **Sort It Out** by Barbara Mariconda
81. **Stellaluna** by Janell Cannon
82. **Swirl by Swirl** by Joyce Sidman
83. **Swimmy** by Leo Lionni
84. **Ten Little Ladybugs** by Melanie Gerth
85. **Ten, Nine, Eight** by Molly Bang
86. **The Don't Worry Book** by Todd Parr
87. **The Everything Book** by Denise Fleming
88. **The Gruffalo** by Julia Donaldson
89. **The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn
90. **The Little Engine that Could** by Watty Piper
91. **The Little Red Hen** by Paul Galdone
92. **The Mitten** by Jan Brett
93. **The Napping House** by Audrey Wood
94. **The Neighborhood Mother Goose** by Nina Crews
95. **The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister
96. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
97. **This Is Not My Hat** by Jon Klassen
98. **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Rosen
99. **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak
100. **Where's Spot?** by Eric Hill
101. **Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge** by Mem Fox



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