

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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Visit ReadingFoundation.org for more reading tips and titles.

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 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 Jr.

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. **Du Iz Tak?** by Carson Ellis

25. **Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed** by Eileen Christelow

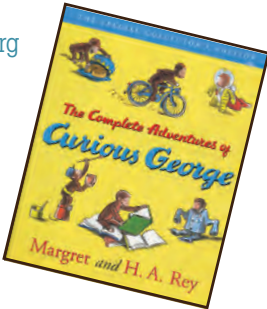
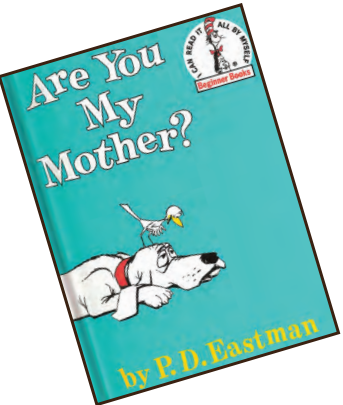
26. **Flat Stanley** by Jeff Brown

27. **Flora McDonnell’s ABC** by Flora McDonnell

28. **Flower Garden** by Eve Bunting

29. **Fluffy and Baron** by Laura Rankin

30. **Frog and Toad Are Friends** by Arnold Lobel



31. **Froggy Goes to School** by Jonathan London

32. **From Head to Toe** by Eric Carle

33. **Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings** by Matthew Van Fleet

34. **Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn** by Kenard Pak

35. **Good Night, Gorilla** by Peggy Rathmann

36. **Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown

37. **Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site** by Tom Lichtenheld

38. **Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss

39. **Guess How Much I Love You** by Sam McBratney

40. **Harold and the Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson

41. **Harry the Dirty Dog** by Gene Zion

42. **He Came with the Couch** by David Slonim

43. **How a Seed Grows** by Helene J. Jordan

44. **How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?** by Jane Yolen

45. **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff

46. **Incredible Book Eating Boy** by Oliver Jeffers

47. **Is Your Mama a Llama?** by Deborah Guarino

48. **It Looked Like Spilt Milk** by Charles Shaw

49. **Jamaica and Brianna** by Juanita Havill

50. **Jamberry** by Bruce Degen

51. **Jump, Frog, Jump!** by Robert Kalan

52. **L M N O 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 Father’s Dragon** by Ruth Stiles Gannett

65. **My Map Book** by Sara Fanelli

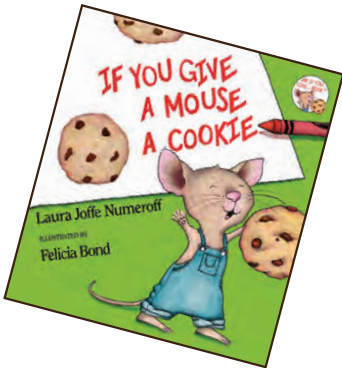
66. **On the Night You Were Born** by Nancy Tillman

67. **One Duck Stuck** by Phyllis Root

68. **Owen** by Kevin Henkes

69. **Pancakes for Breakfast** by Tomie DePaola

70. **Peek-a Who?** By Nina Laden



71. **Pete’s a Pizza** by William Steig

72. **Press Here** by Herve Tullet

73. **Rain, Rain, Rain Forest** by Brenda Z. Guiberson

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

75. **Rosie’s Walk** by Pat Hutchins

76. **Skippyjon Jones** by Judy Schachner

77. **So Much** by Trish Cooke

78. **Sort It Out** by Barbara Mariconda

79. **Stellaluna** by Janell Cannon

80. **Swirl by Swirl** by Joyce Sidman

81. **Swimmy** by by Leo Lionni

82. **Ten Little Ladybugs** by Melanie Gerth

83. **Ten, Nine, Eight** by Molly Bang

84. **The Cat in the Hat** by Dr. Seuss

85. **The Gruffalo** by Julia Donalson

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 Odd One Out** by Britta Teckentrup

93. **The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister

94. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle

95. **The Wide Mouthed Frog** by Keith Faulkner

96. **This Is Not My Hat** by Jon Klassen

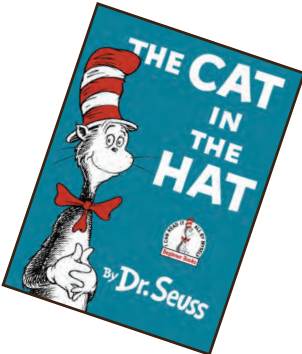
97. **We’re Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Rosen

98. **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak

99. **Where’s Spot?** by Eric Hill

100. **Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge** by Mem Fox

101. **Wolf!** by Becky Bloom



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