

Book Recommendations

Grow Your Reader skills can be practiced with any book!

Barton, Byron
Boynton, Sandra
Brown, James
Brown, Margaret Wise
Cabrera, Jane
Campbell, Rod
Carle, Eric
Cimarusti, Marie
Craig, Lindsey
Crews, Donald
Day, Alexandra
Dodd, Emma
Dyckman, Ame
Eastman, P.D.
Ehlert, Lois
Fischer, Scott
Fox, Mem
Fuge, Charles
Henkes, Kevin
Global Fund for Children
Hacohen, Dean
Hill, Eric
Hoban, Tana
Katz, Karen
Kubler, Annie
Laden, Nina
Lionni, Leo
Martin Jr., Bill
McBratney, Sam
Numeroff, Laura
Oxenbury, Helen
Patricelli, Leslie
Priddy, Roger
Rinker, Sherri
Rossetti-Shustak, Bernadette
Seuss, Dr.
Shea, Bob
Tafari, Nancy
Watt, Fiona
Wells, Rosemary


Trucks
Fifteen Animals!
Farm
Goodnight Moon
Row, Row, Row Your Boat
Dear Zoo
The Very Quiet Cricket
Peek-A Moo
Dancing Feet
Freight Train
Carl at the Dog Show
Dog's Colorful Day
Boy + Bot
Are You My Mother?
Eating the Alphabet
Jump!
Hello, Baby!
I Know a Rhino
Kitten's First Full Moon
Global Babies
Tuck Me In
Spot's First Shapes
Black on White
Where is Baby's Belly Button
I'm a Little Teapot
Peek-A Zoo
Little Blue and Little Yellow
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
Guess How Much I Love You
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
Clap Hands
Baby Happy, Baby Sad
My Alphabet
Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site
I Love You Through and Through
Dr. Seuss's One Fish, Two Fish
Dinosaur vs Bedtime
The Busy Little Squirrel
That's Not My Panda
Old MacDonald



If these titles are unavailable, try a book by the same author or illustrator, ask the Library staff for suggestions, or let your child choose.



Grow Your Reader ACTIVITIES



**AGES
0-2**

**It's never too early
or too late to develop your child's
Early Literacy Skills!**

5 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS

Here are some tips & activities to incorporate these skills into your daily routines.

READ Reading together is the most important thing you can do to develop early literacy skills

- Let your baby hold books and turn pages. Practice will help your child to learn how to handle a book.
- Babies enjoy books with bright pictures, primary colors, and pictures of other babies.
- Use books and story time to help set routines at bedtime or bathtime or naptime.
- If you have trouble getting your child to sit for a story, read while they are playing running around or sitting in their high chair.
- Keep books in your diaper bag, so you are prepared to read anywhere.
- Keep books within your child's reach and allow your child to choose books to read, even if you read the same story again and again.

WRITE Understanding writing means knowing that written words express ideas and events

- Once comfortable, let your child grab a crayon and scribble on unlined paper.
- Use sand, playdough or food for your child to make lines and shapes in different textures.
- Strengthen finger and hand muscles by playing with toys that are squeezed, pushed together, or pulled apart.
- Talk about shapes that you see around the house (clocks, windows, plates, toys, etc.)
- Point out beginning letters and sounds. When you see the first letter of your baby's name, point it out in books, labels, signs, etc.
- Play with shapes and blocks. Learning shapes is the first step in learning the letters of the alphabet.

TALK Conversations teach a child new words and how to express ideas

- Encourage your baby to imitate sounds. This is the beginning of their communication skills.
- Talk about your plans for the day. "First we are eating breakfast. Then we are...", etc.
- If English is not your native language, talk to your child in the language you know best.
- Talk about similarities and differences between two objects.
- When looking at pictures of babies, talk about what you see and how you think those babies feel. Sad? Frustrated? Happy? Tired?
- Encourage your child to name things they see in books or around them.

SING Singing breaks down words into distinct sounds and syllables

- Sing throughout your day. Make up songs about changing diapers, cooking dinner, giving a bath, family members, etc. Keep it fun and silly!
- Clap the syllables of your toddler's name and other words.
- Can't sing? Sing anyway! Your baby will love hearing your voice.
- Pause before singing the next word in a song, see if your toddler can continue the tune.
- Sing fast and slow, high and low, quiet and loud.
- Use humming and singing to calm your baby.



PLAY Playing allows children the opportunity to express themselves and their ideas

- Play pretend! Be a puppy, an airplane, anything!
- Make sure that your baby gets plenty of tummy time while looking at books or toys.
- Play peek-a-boo to keep your child entertained wherever you are.
- Play ball by rolling, dropping, catching or kicking.
- Let your toddler give stuffed animals a tour of the house by pulling them around on a blanket or pushing them in a basket.
- Encourage activity while reading. Go to a storybook walk to read and exercise simultaneously.

PREPARE YOUR CHILD TO BE A

SUCCESSFUL READER