

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.**

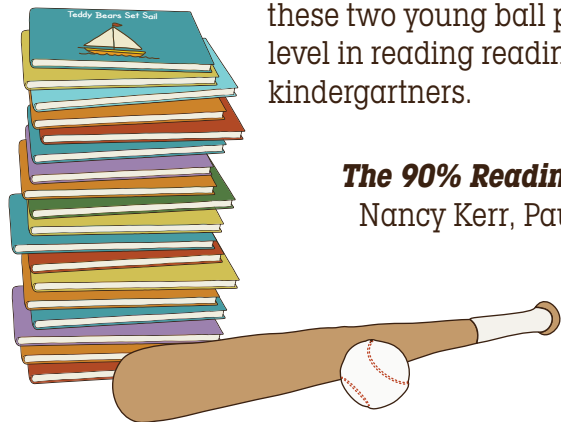


BASEBALL AND BOOKS: PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

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 three 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 Lynn Fielding, Nancy Kerr, Paul Rosier (1998) page 49.

MY FAVORITE BOOKS

There are 1,000s 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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Titles recommended by officers and directors of The Children's Reading Foundation.

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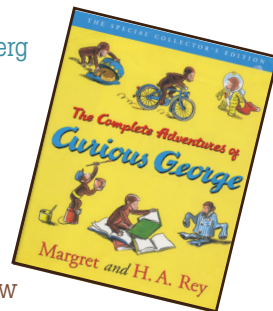
MY READING RECORD:

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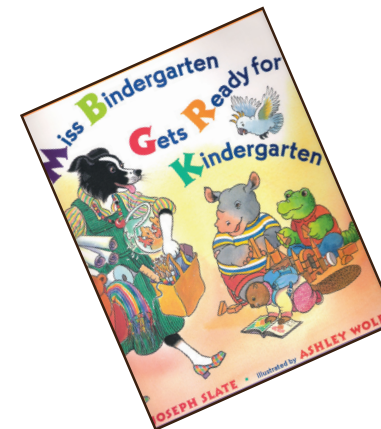
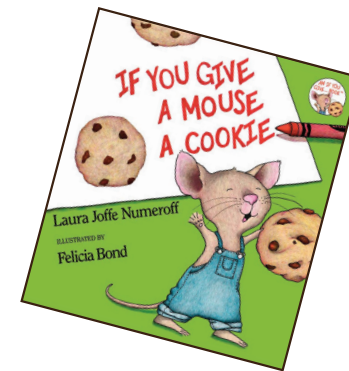
Display this chart at home where you and your child share books. When you finish a book, draw a star, happy face or place a sticker next to the title.

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.

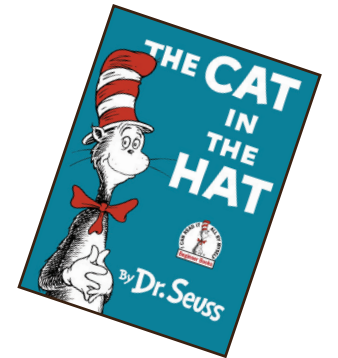
1. **Abuela** by Arthur Dorros
2. **Alphabet Rescue** by Audrey Wood
3. **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** by Judith Viorst
4. **All By Myself** by Mercer Mayer
5. **Are You My Mother?** by Phillip D. Eastman
6. **Arthur** by Marc Brown
7. **Bark, George** by Jules Feiffer
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. **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 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. Gumpy'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 Leo Lionni
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 Becky Bloom
101. **Yoko Learns to Read** by Rosemary Wells



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