



Tips for Reading with Your Child

Reading together every day is the best way to help prepare your child for school success. Here are some suggestions for making reading a fun and enjoyable learning activity.

Babies (up to One Year)

- Babies like board books, especially ones with pictures of babies.
- Hold your baby in your lap while you read.
- Point at the pictures as you read—this is how babies learn.

One-Year-Olds

- Toddlers like hearing a story every night at bedtime.
- Let your toddler select the book and hold it while you read.
- Talk about the pictures—this is how toddlers learn.

Two-Year-Olds

- Two-year-olds like alphabet and counting books.
- Let your two-year-old help turn the pages and fill in familiar words.
- Encourage pointing and talking about pictures—this is how two-year-olds learn.

Three- to Five-Year-Olds

- Preschoolers like rhymes and silly stories.
- Choose stories that relate to new experiences, like starting school.
- Let your child choose his or her books—this is how children learn to love reading.