



Summer Reading Tips

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The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.



It's never too early to read to your child!

Reading to your child helps him/her develop a habit of listening to stories and loving books. Make sure you are reading to your child EARLY and OFTEN.

- For babies, you can use cloth and/or board books for reading time!

Reading is important for healthy brain development and lays the foundation for language and writing skills.

The endless benefits of reading!

- Children who read develop a love of learning and often grasp reading concepts at a younger age than those who are not.
- Children become familiar with the format of books, printed text, and more complex vocabulary. This will become beneficial as they begin to piece together their first sounds and words.
- Research has shown that children that are early readers are more successful in school than later readers.
- Reading aloud to preschoolers can help their language development, speech skills, and communication skills.
- Reading aloud to preschoolers gives them a mental boost! A child that is read to from a young age often develops a high self-esteem and a curiosity about life.

What does reading teach preschoolers?

- Listening Skills
- Literary Responsiveness (i.e., responding to emotions)
- Phonological Awareness & Learning the Alphabet
- Reading Comprehension
- Early Writing and Reading
- Book and Print Awareness
- Fine Motor Skills (i.e., pointing, turning the pages from left to right)

Reading Tip #1: Read with your child every day!

Establish a time that you can read every day (i.e., before bed, waiting for the school bus in the morning, after dinner). This creates a daily routine and special bonding time between child/parent. Children will look forward to this time daily!

This “bonding time” will make reading special for both of you!

Give your child choices of books to read, or let them pick!

Reading Tip #2: Name pictures as you flip through the pages & be interactive!

-Build your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and/or objects that you come across in books! Use words and/or phrases that your child can understand. This will look different for each child.

- ▶ "I see an airplane!"
 - ▶ "Choo choo!"
 - ▶ "Yellow duck"

-As you name pictures, point to them!

-Count objects you see on a page (incorporate math skills)

-Ask questions!

Reading Tip #3: Read with expression!

- ▶ Read to your child with humor and expression!
- ▶ Make the words and pictures on the page come to life!
 - ▶ Use different voices!
 - ▶ Ham it up!

Reading Tip #4: Know When to Stop

- ▶ Put the book away if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention.
- ▶ Reading should be a fun, enjoyable experience! If your child loses interest, try again later.
- ▶ Make sure the books you are reading are appropriate for your child's age and/or developmental level.

Reading Tip #5: Read It Again and Again!

- ▶ Don't be afraid to re-read stories! Repetition encourages vocabulary and language development. The more children hear words, phrases and/or story lines, the more likely they are able to recite it on their own!
- ▶ It's okay to read your child's favorite book 100 times!
- ▶ Encourage your child to "retell" or "role-play" the story if they know it very well!

Reading Tip #6: Make Reading Hands-On!



Board book sold separately.

How Do I Pick the Right Book?

▶ Choose picture books!

- ▶ They have simple, basic plots (not too many words)
- ▶ Illustrations are the main attraction

▶ Pick a book that has your child's favorite character!

- ▶ Bluey, Bob the Builder, Peppa Pig, Blue's Clues
- ▶ They will maintain your child's attention and get them excited for reading!

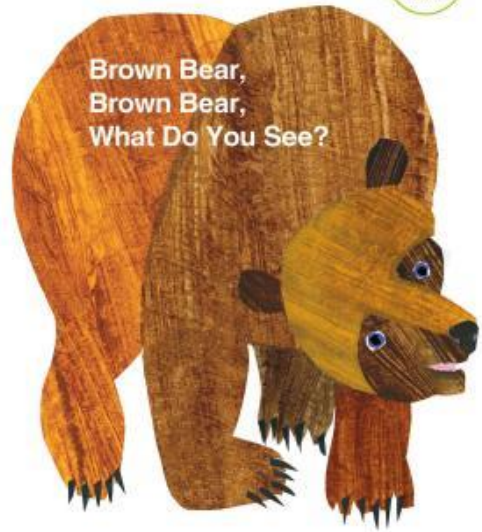
▶ Pick books that have rhyming text

- ▶ Examples: nursery rhymes, poetry collections
- ▶ The text is catchy and fun to read aloud

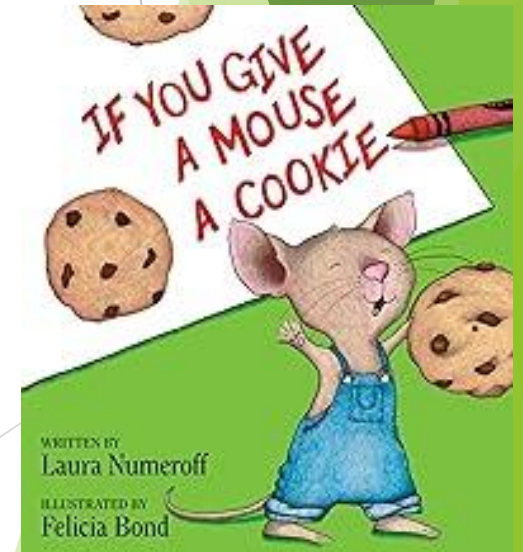
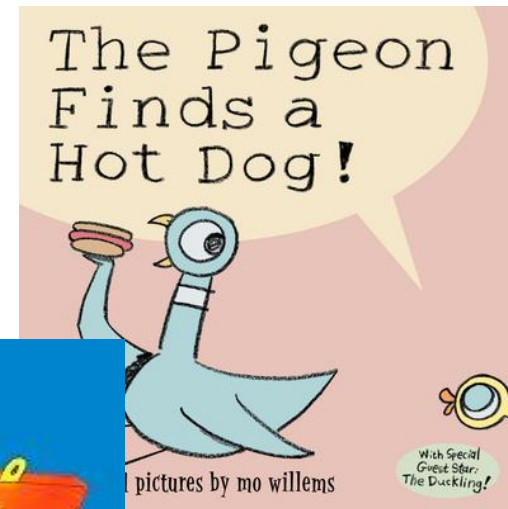
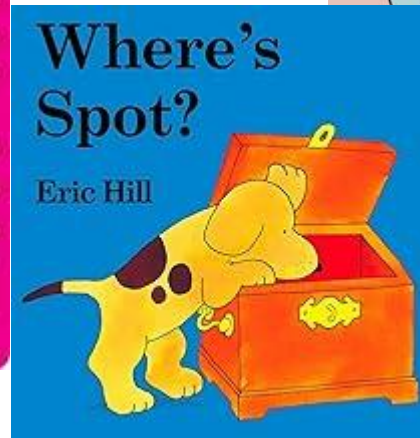
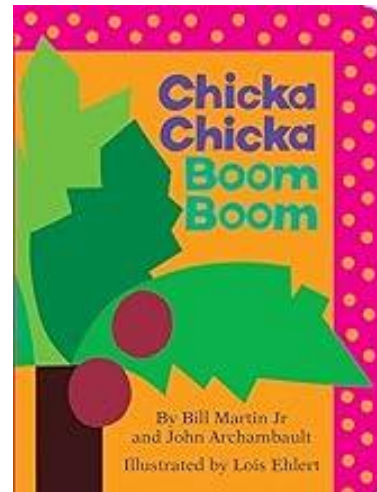
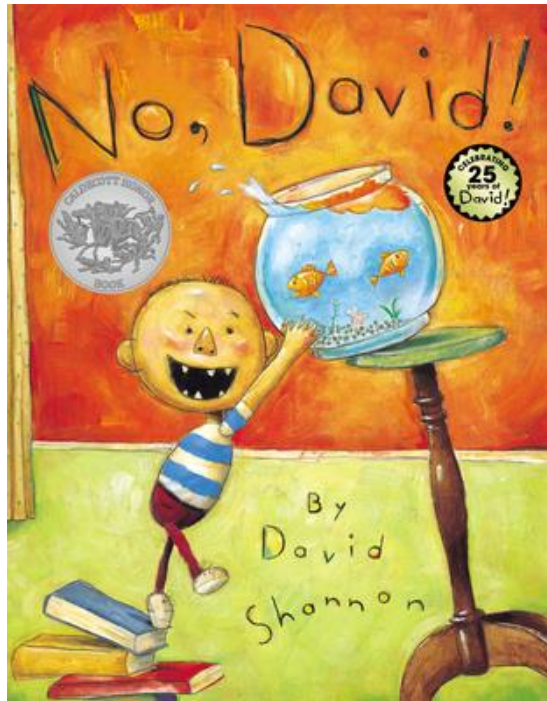
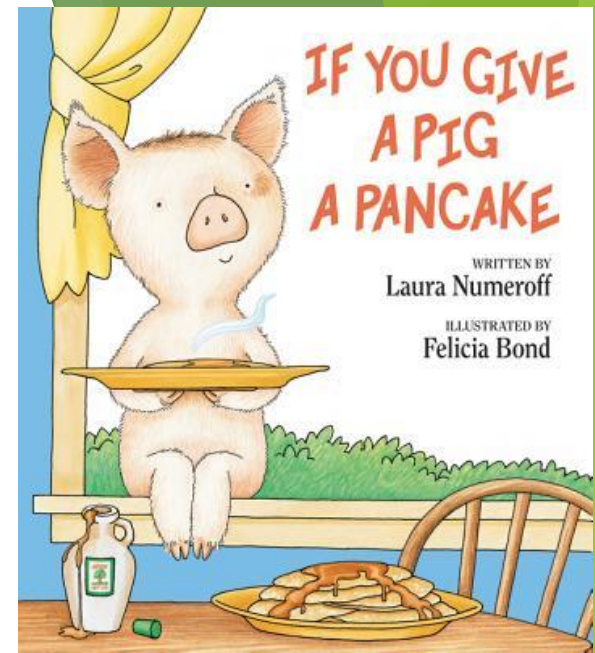
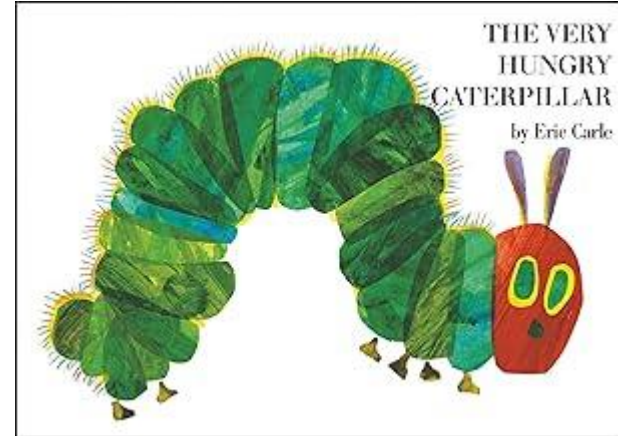
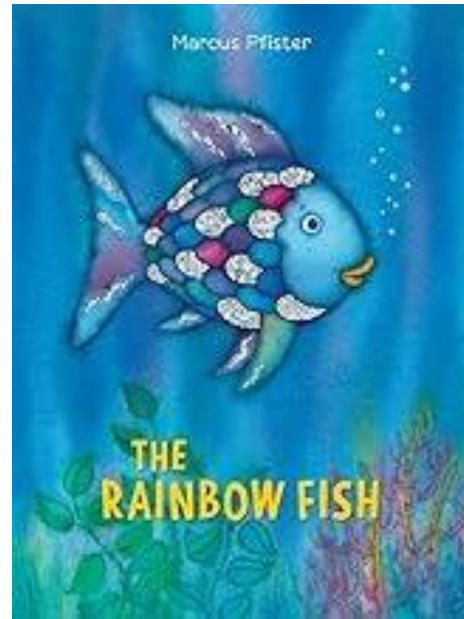
▶ You can also choose books such as:

- ▶ Classic tales (i.e., The Tale of Peter Rabbit, The Little Elephant)
- ▶ Activity books (i.e., I Spy, sticker books, oversized books, hunt-and-find)
- ▶ Bed Time Books, which are calming and soothing

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My Favorite Books!



Visit your Local Library!

- You don't have to spend tons of money on books! Take a family outing to your local library and borrow books.
- Children can apply for a library card! This is a wonderful experience for them.
- The library offers free events for families, along with information on community events. Sometimes, they offer free or discounted tickets to museums, amusement parks, etc.



Questions?
Comments?
Concerns?

Read, read, read!