

## Favorite Books and Resources

Below are links to some websites to help you find great titles and ideas for reading with your child.

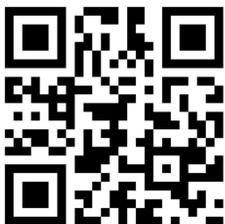
Top 100 Picture Books:



Scholastic Website for Parents:



Deposit Free Library Website:



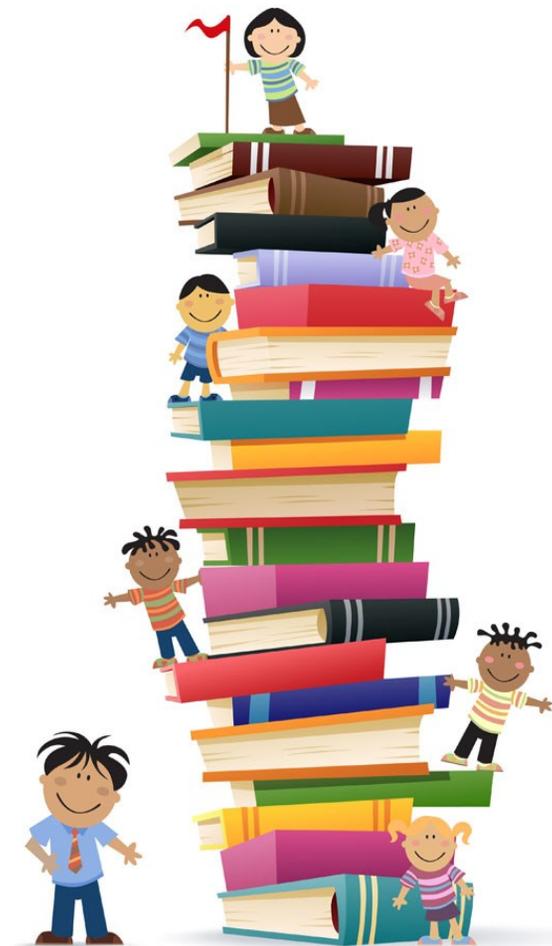
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*“Children are made  
readers on the laps  
of their parents.”*

*- Emilie Buchwald*

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# WILL YOU READ ME A STORY?

Your Role In Raising A  
Reader

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## Getting Ready to Read

It is important to develop a fun reading routine at home. Choose a comfy place to cuddle up without extra distractions. You want this part of your day to be a time that you and your child look forward to sharing. Bedtime may work well for you; however, you want to make sure that your child has enough energy to fully enjoy reading. If bedtime is already difficult, it may be better to choose an earlier part of the day. Here are some things to think about before beginning:

- It's not screen time - help your child improve their focus and attention by interacting with an actual book
- Provide a variety of book choices (Improve your home library with regular visits to the library)
- Build up to longer amounts of time reading—start small and follow your child's lead to determine when to wrap up reading time
- Be prepared to reread a favorite book many times - resist the urge to hide it!
- Not all books will strike their fancy - be open to trying different stories and informational books

During this time, conversation with your child is especially powerful. The following video clips are examples of what this conversation may look like:



## 0- 2 Year Old Readers

It is never too early to start reading with your little one! At this age reading might look like:



Your child may:

- Hold the book upside down
- Point to one object repeatedly
- Not turn the pages in the right direction or order
- Chew on it

### Why is this important?

This time with books may seem like play; however, it is the early exploration of a reader. Regularly reading with your child and giving them time to explore books will empower them to become a reader.

“A child who reads will become an adult who thinks.” ~Anonymous

## 3-4 Year Old Readers

At this age, your child has a bigger vocabulary and is able to become more independent when reading. At this age, reading may look like:



Your child may:

Look at the pictures more than the words

- Tell about the pictures
- Try to make it sound the way you read it to them

### Why is this important?

Although your child may not be looking at the words, reading is happening. Skills, such as telling stories, practicing new vocabulary, understanding characters, and making a story sound right, are needed for reading and writing. These are the skills that will prepare them for their first days of school and a lifetime of joyful reading.

### What Early Reading Looks Like

- Using the pictures to tell a story (spoken words may not match written words)
- Reading a favorite book many times
- Your child may memorize a favorite book and recite it over and over



It's never too early to find your favorite book!