



How to read to your child

FAQ



1. What are the components of early literacy?

-Vocabulary, phonological awareness (rhyming, segmenting, blending), oral language (expressive and receptive language skills), comprehension, reading, and letter /number recognition.

2. What if my child appears very disinterested in reading?

-Try letting your child choose their own book. Remove distractions like TV or cell phones! Read to them using a stuffed animal like a teddy bear, then have them read to it. This can stimulate interest in reading.

3. Should I constantly be getting new books?

-Repetition at an early age is actually a good thing. It allows your child to familiarize themselves with the story, which allows for deeper discussions. As long as your child appears interested in the book, it's fine.

4. Are electronic books (ebooks) okay?

-It is best to avoid screen time in children under 2. Above that age, ebooks can also help develop early literacy. However, too many electronic features (noise, lights) can negatively impact shared book reading.

Suggested books

A few good examples from Neufield Institute Children's Book List 2019

Are you sure, Mother Bear?
Amy Hest 2016

A wonderful book to help with nighttime separation fears.

Mama do you love me?
Barbara Jooisse 1991

A classic book with beautiful illustration based on Inuit culture and love.

Angry dragons.
Thierry Robberecht, 2004

Beautifully drawn book that brings up discussion on emotions like anger, and frustration.

Way I feel, The.
Janan Cain, 2004

Great book that helps develops the language of emotions.

In my room: a book of creativity and imagination. Jo Witek, 2017

A young girl and all her imaginative play: being a vet, playing at school and getting married.

Love.
Matt de la Peña, 2018

An ode to love in all its forms.

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Vancouver public library recommended books

Ages 0-3 Ages 3-5

Kindergarten

Resources

Click on underlined text to go to the desired website

Decoda

Local literacy program with a great set of online resource and information about early literacy.

Helping Children Learn

Simple and great activities you can do with you children to help them learn.

