

- Act out parts of the story, and use your voice to make the story come to life.
- Use the story to start a conversation. (“Look! The bears are baking cookies. Remember when we baked cookies?”)
- Talk about books you’ve read, even when you’re not reading. (“That lady is wearing a hat just like the bear in the story we read.”)

Reading with Preschoolers

Preschool is an important time for sharing books. Reading together each day helps boost language and literacy skills. Plus, it’s a great way to spend time together as a family!

- Continue to snuggle with your child during story time.
- Let your child help select books, and look for books that might interest your preschooler. (For example, does he or she like cars or dinosaurs?)
- Read with expression and enthusiasm, using different voices for different characters.
- Point out rhythms and rhymes in stories. Give your preschooler the opportunity to repeat rhyming phrases.
- Encourage your child to ask questions about the story. (“I wonder what is going to happen next? What do you think?”)
- Keep books in an area that your child can easily access, such as his own toddler-sized bookcase.
- Read stories over and over again. Early readers not only enjoy repetition, it helps them understand basic concepts of storytelling.
- Look for opportunities to teach by pointing out familiar shapes, colors, letters and numbers. (“There’s the letter ‘J.’ Your name starts with the letter ‘J,’ doesn’t it?”)
- Children are eager to model their parents’ behaviors and routines. Set a good example as a reader—read every day at home, even if it’s just a magazine or the local newspaper.

**Be sure your child has a library card, and
make library visits a part of your regular routine.**



Make reading fun—a time that you both look forward to spending together.

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