

Book Sharing Ideas for Parents

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BEFORE READING

Choose the right book

- Match the length of the book to children's attention
- If your child doesn't enjoy reading yet, try
 - A book that is really a song
 - A short book with one line a page
 - Make a book with pictures of things that are pleasurable to the child
 - A book that has touching places
 - A book that makes sounds (Be careful not to choose a long one)
- Check to see if it has good pictures
- Match your language with what your child can understand
- Choose books that reflect children's special interests or experiences

Make it routine

- Make shared book reading (or read-alouds) part of a routine.
- Many parents find before bed time a good time.
- You may want to add more reading times.
- Have a "special" reading place
- Use routine words in a sing song manner such as "Turn the page."

Focus on prediction

- Look at the cover, model "I bet this is a book about ____." Then ask the child what the book is about when looking at the cover picture.
- When the child is sitting through a whole book, help them make predictions from the pictures about what the story concerns or what may happen next. Use words like "I wonder what is next."

DURING READING

Make it motivating

- Relate book content to children's interests and experiences. "This is just like the Nemo movie." Be careful not to talk so much that the rhythm of the book is lost. A comment of question every couple of pages is usually good.
- Be positive and reinforcing. Smile, use excited tones to your voice.
- If the child, doesn't want to read, flip to end. Say "Just one more page. The End." Then let them get down.

Teach vocabulary

- Select one to three new word meanings and tell the child what they mean in a child-friendly way as the words come up.
- Focus on basic comprehension along with connecting the word with children's previous experiences.
- Try and use words in your everyday life. Select experiences such as field trips, toys, or movies that highlight new words.

Use a variety of prompting during reading

- Ask who, what, when, where questions when reading if your child is at the point that he/she enjoys the book.
- Use the flashlight to make it more fun. This also encourages joint attention (You can also hide book related pictures and go for a hunt for them with the flashlight.)
- Ask questions that connect with child's previous experiences

Gradually increase participation

- Let individual children do more talking and take more responsibility for comprehending the book as their experience and knowledge grows.

Adjust the balance of conversation

- Adults should do more talking when concepts or words are new.
- Children should do more talking when they have already mastered the concepts or are familiar with the book

AFTER READING

Confirm predictions

- Talk about what children predicted earlier and confirm or alter the prediction

Encourage retellings and use of new meanings

- Help children use the book to tell you or others the story using the new vocabulary words.
- Follow-up with the new vocabulary words so that children will apply them to other situations outside of book sharing

Talk about future plans

- Talk about what books you would like to read next time
- Take children to library to choose new books
- Talk about future experiences that relate to the book's content

Predictable Books*

Predictable books use repetitive language and/or sequences, rhythms, and rhymes. Predictable books allow early readers to predict what the sentences are going to say, thereby increasing enjoyment and helping to build vocabulary and memory skills.

There are various types of predictable books:

Chain or Circular Story: The story's ending leads back to the beginning.

Cumulative Sequence: The story builds on a pattern. It starts with one person, place, thing, or event. Each time a new person, place, thing, or event is shown, all the previous ones are repeated. Example: *The Gingerbread Man*.

Familiar or Known Sequence: A common, recognizable theme such as the days of the week, the months, etc. Example: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle.

Pattern Stories: The scenes or episodes are repeated with a variation.

Question and Answer: A question is repeated throughout the story. Example: *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr.

Repetition of Phrase/Sentence: As its name implies, a phrase or sentence is repeated.

Repetition of Rhymes/Rhythms: A rhyme, refrain, or rhythm is repeated throughout the story.

Songs: Familiar songs with repeated phrases, sentences, rhymes, or refrains.

Chain or Circular Story Books

If You Give a Moose a Muffin by Laura Numeroff
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
Look out, Bird! Marilyn Janovitz
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears by Verna Aardema
Why the Sun Was Late by Benjamin Elkins

Cumulative Sequence

The Bag I'm Taking to Grandma's by S. Neitzel
Benny's Pennies by Pat Brisson
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema
"Buzz, Buzz, Buzz," Went Bumblebee by Colin West
Chicken Licken by Gavin Bishop
Have You Seen the Crocodile? by Colin West
Henny Penny by H.W. Zimmerman
Here Is the Southwestern Desert by Madeleine Dunphy
Here Is The Tropical Rain Forest by Madeleine Dunphy
"I Don't Care!" Said the Bear by Colin West
I Know an Old Lady by Linda McClelland
In Enzo's Splendid Gardens by Patricia Polacco
Inside a Barn in the Country by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
It's a Perfect Day by Abigail Pizer
It's My Birthday by Helen Oxenbury
It's Too Noisy by Joanna Cole
Jack's Garden by Henry Cole
The Judge by Harve Zemach
Jump, Frog, Jump! by Robert Kalan
Knock, Knock, Teremok! by K. Arnold
Little Pink Pig by Pat Hutchins
Little Tuppen: An Old Tale by Paul Galdone
Mike's Kite Elizabeth MacDonald
Miss Mabel's Table by Deborah Chandra
Mr. Grumpy's Outing by John Burningham
The Napping House by Audrey & Don Wood
"Not Me," Said the Monkey by Colin West
The Old Woman And Her Pig by Paul Galdone
One Monday Morning by Uri Shulevitz
The Pig In the Pond by Martin Waddell
Rooster 's Off to See the World by Eric Carle
The Rose In My Garden by Arnold Lobel
Rum Pum Pum by Maggie Duff
The Sandwich That Max Made by Marcia Vaughan
Seven Sillies by Joyce Dunbar
The Story of Chicken Licken by Jan Ormerod
The Thing That Bothered Farmer Brown by Teri Sloat
Today Is Monday by Eric Carle
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Familiar or Known Sequence

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
Chicken Soup with Rice by Maurice Sendak
Come Out and Play, Little Mouse by Robert Kraus
Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward

It Begins With an A by Stephanie Calmenson
Moo, Moo, Brown Cow by Jakki Wood
One Bear All Alone by Caroline Bucknall
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert
Sunday Potatoes, Monday Potatoes by Vicky Shiefman
Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews
Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang
The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Ellen Appleby
Time To... by Bruce McMillan
Today Is Monday by Eric Carle
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
When This Box Is Full by Patricia Lillie

Pattern Stories

Are You There Bear? by Ron Maris
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
Dark Cloud Strong Breeze by Susan Paton
Four Fierce Kittens by Joyce Dunbar
Hippity Hop, Frog On Top by Natasha Wing
I Wish I Could Fly by Ron Maris
Jeremiah and Mrs. Ming by Sharon Jennings
Little Pink Pig by Pat Hutchins
Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag
A Most Unusual Lunch by Robert Bender
Peter and the Talking Shoes by Kate Banks
The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown
Seven Sillies by Joyce Dunbar
Spider, Spider by Kate Banks
Stop, Thief! by Robert Kalan
Suddenly! by C. McNaughton
Who Took The Farmers Hat? by Joan Nodset

Question and Answer

Black Crow, Black Crow by Ginger Foglesong Guy
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.
Is It Time? by Marilyn Janovitz
Where's My Share? by Valerie Greeley
Whose Footprints? by Molly Cox
Whose Mouse Are You? by Robert Kraus

Repetition of Phrase/Sentence

Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
The Baby Blue Cat Who Said No by Ainslie Pryor
A Beautiful Feast for a Big King Cat by John Archambault and Bill Martin, Jr.
Big and Little by Ruth Krauss
The Big Block of Chocolate by Janet Slater Redhead
A Big Fish Story by Joanne and David Wylie
Black Crow, Black Crow by Ginger Foglesong Guy
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.
"Buzz, Buzz, Buzz," Went Bumblebee by Colin West
The Chick and The Duckling by V. Sutwev and Mira Ginsburg
Chicken Soup with Rice by Maurice Sendak
Come Out and Play, Little Mouse by Robert Kraus
Dance Away by George Shannon
Do You Want To Be My Friend? by Eric Carle
Don't Climb Out Of The Window Tonight by Richard McGilvray

Four Fierce Kittens by Joyce Dunbar
From My Window by O. Wong
Greedy Cat by Joy Cowley
A Happy Tale by Dorothy Butler
Have You Seen My Cat? by Eric Carle
Have You Seen the Crocodile? by Colin West
"Hello, Great Big Bullfrog!" by Colin West
Hippity Hop, Frog On Top by Natasha Wing
A House Is A House For Me by Mary Ann Hoberman
Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann
Goodnight, Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Have You Seen My Duckling? by Nancy Tafuri
I Am Eyes-NI Macho by Leila Ward
I Bought My Love A Tabby Cat by Colin West
"I Don't Care!" Said the Bear by Colin West
I Went Walking by Sue Williams
If The Dinosaurs Came Back by Bernard Most
Is Your Mama A Llama? by Deborah Guarino
It's A Perfect Day by Abigail Pizer
The Important Book by Margaret Wise Brown
Jack Baked the Cake by B. G. Hennessy
King Of The Woods by David Day
Knock, Knock! Who's There? by Sally Grindley
Let's Eat! Ana Zamorano
Little Pink Pig by Pat Hutchins
The Little Red House by Norma Jean Sawicki
Mama Do You Love Me? by Barbara M. Joosse
Mike's Kite Elizabeth MacDonald
A More Or Less Fish Story by Joanne and David Wylie
A Mouse In My House by Nancy Van Laan
Mrs. Wishy-Washy by Joy Cowley
Moo, Moo, Brown Cow by Jakki Wood
No, Barnaby by Tizzie Knowles
No, No, Titus! by Claire Masurel
"Not Me," Said the Monkey by Colin West
The Piney Woods Peddler by George Shannon
Possum Come A-Knockin' by Nancy Van Laan
Sailor Bear by Martin Waddell
Sitting in My Box by Dee Lillegard
Sitting On The Farm by Bob King
Something For Nothing by Phoebe Gilman
Step by Step by Diane Wolkstein
Stop, Thief! by Robert Kalan
Sunday Potatoes, Monday Potatoes by Vicky Shiefman
Ten Out Of Bed by Penny Dale
There's A COW In The Road! by Reeve Lindbergh
The Thing That Bothered Farmer Brown by Teri Sloat
What's Wrong Tom? by Paul and Emma Rogers
Where Are You Going, Little Mouse? by Robert Kraus
Where's My Share? by Valerie Greeley
Who Said Red? by Mary Serfozo
Who Sank the Boat? By Pamela Allen
Whose Footprints? by Molly Coxe
You Can't Catch Me by Joan Kahn

Repetition of Rhymes/Rhythms

The ABC Bunny by Wanda Gag
Abiyoyo by Pete Seeger

Africa Calling: Nighttime Falling by Daniel Alderman
Barnyard Banter by Denise Fleming
A Beach Day by Douglas Florian
A Beautiful Feast For A Big King Cat by John Archambault and Bill Martin Jr.
Beside the Bay by Sheila White Samton
Cats and Robbers J. Wahl
Chase Noisy Nora by Rosemary Wells
Clap Your Hands by Janet & Allan Ahlberg
The Dancing Fly by Joy Cowley
Dark Cloud Strong Breeze by Susan Patron
Each Peach Pear Plum by Allan Ahlberg and Janet Ahlberg
Flap Your Wings and Try by Charlotte Pomerantz
The Farmer and the Dell by Mary Maki Rae
Four Fierce Kittens by Joyce Dunbar
Hello, Cat You Need a Hat by Rita Golden Gelman
A House Is A House For Me by Mary Ann Hoberman
I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Glen Rounds
I Love Spiders by John Parker
I Went Walking by Sue Williams
Inside a Barn in the Country by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Is it Time? by Marilyn Janovitz
Is Your Mama a Llama by Deborah Guarino
Jake Baked The Cake by B.G. Hennessy
Johnny Crow's Garden by Leslie Brooke
The Lady With the Alligator Purse by Nadine Bernard Westcott
Mary Had a Little Lamb by Sara J. Hale
Miss Mabel's Table by Deborah Chandra
The New Baby Calf by Edith Newlin
Night House Bright House by M. Wellington
One Bear, One Dog by Paul Strickland
Our Brat Cat by Dick Punnett
Peanut Butter and Jelly: A Play Rhyme by Nadine Bernard Westcott
Red Cat, White Cat by Peter Mandle
Rise and Shine by Nancy While Carlstrom
The Sandwich that Max Made by Marcia Vaughn
Seven Silly Eaters by Mary Ann Hoberman and Marla Frazee
Sheep in a Shop by Nancy Shaw
Sheep on a Ship by Nancy Shaw
Silly Sally by Audrey Wood
Sing a Song of People by Lois Lenski
A Summer Day by Douglas Florian
Sun is Falling, Night is Calling by L. Leuck
Sun Sand Sea Sail by Nicki Weiss
Sun Song by J. Marzollo
Take Me Out to the Ball Game by Alex Gilman
Teeny Tiny Woman by Jill Bennett
The Thing That Bothered Framer Brown by Teri Sloat
There Once Was a Puffin by F. Jaques
There's a Hole in the Bucket by Nadine Bernard Westcott
There's A COW In The Road by Reeve Lindbergh
This Old House by Karen Ackerman
This Old Man by Carol Jones
Thump, Thump, Rat-a-Tat-Tat by Gene Baer
Today is Monday by Eric Carle
Tough Boris by Mem Fox
Train Song by Diane Siebert
The Wheels on the Bus by Sylvie Wickstrom
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star by Michael Hague
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Where Did the Naught Little Hampster Go? by Patty Wolcott
Where Does the Brown Bear Go? by Nicki Weiss
A Winter Day by Douglas Florian
You Push, I Ride by Abby Levine
The Zoo at Night by M. Robinson

Songs

The Eensy-Weensy Spider by Mary Ann Hoberman and Nadine Bernard Westcott
Yankee Doodle by Mary Ann Hoberman
One Wide River To Cross by Barbara Emberley
Over In The Meadow by Ezra Jack Keats

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