

READ WITH ME!

Tips for Reading With Young Children

START EARLY

Babies and toddlers benefit from hearing your voice and seeing colorful pictures. You can describe the pictures, make up stories, or cuddle up and simply look at the pages together.

KEEP IT LIGHT

Use silly voices, sing, and expressive reading. Ask questions, let them turn the pages (any which way!), and encourage active participation.

SIT CLOSE

Reading together is a bonding activity, regulates emotions, and builds empathy. Make it part of your daily routine.

LET THEM CHOOSE

Allow children to select their own books, even if it's the same book on repeat over and over again.

BOOST LANGUAGE

Point out specific words and letters, as well as the sounds, to guide reading skills and comprehension.

VISIT YOUR LIBRARY

Libraries offer a vast selection of books, family programs, and resources for children of all ages. Best of all, it's free!



READ ALOUD BOOKS WE LOVE



Goodnight, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann

Whose Toes Are Those? by Jabari Asim, illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson, illustrated by Jane Chapman

Whistle for Willy by Ezra Jack Keats

Belly Button Book! by Sandra Boynton

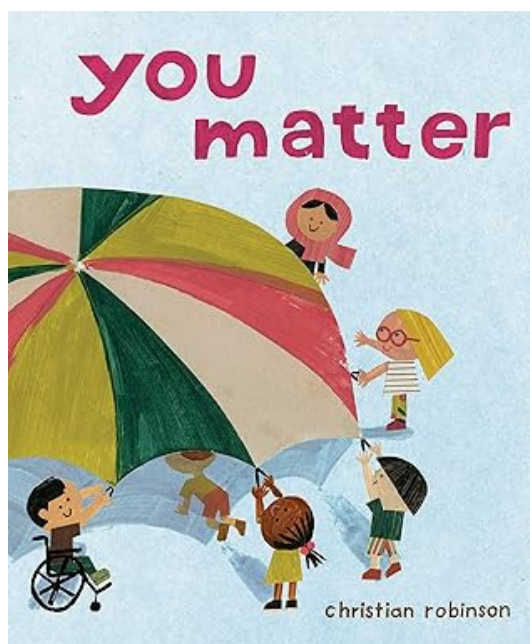
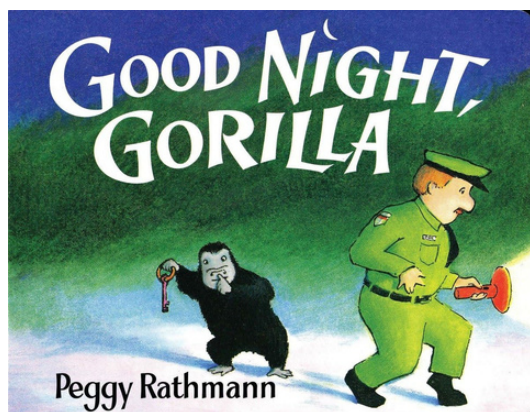
Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox

You Matter by Christian Robinson

Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems

Maybe... by Chris Haughton

Jamberry by Bruce Degen



AT HOME READING FUN

- How many unique places can you read a book?
- Create a sensory bin based on *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.
- Find inspiration for something to cook together from a picture book (hint: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*).
- Line up all your stuffies and read to them.
- Read in a costume! Read upside down!
- Go on a scavenger hunt to find things matching different letters in the alphabet.