

raising a reader

Growing Tips

Did you know?

Raising a good reader starts right after your child is born.

- Little things you do each day, like singing nursery rhymes, add up to a child who will be ready to focus on reading by the time they reach kindergarten.
- Around 4th grade, kids shift from “learning to read” to “reading to learn,” so it’s really important that the preschool years prepare them to master reading so they’re ready to learn.

Things you can do:

- Read to your child every day and point to each word as you read.
- Have plenty of books available in your home.
- Talk and sing to/with your child – a lot!
- Take time to read for yourself – children often mirror what they see.
- Take your kids to the library and let them explore!



Reading Milestones

Birth to Age 2

- May name pictures in books
- Enjoys making marks and scribbles

Age 2 to 3

- Asks “why,” “what” and “how” questions
- By end of 2nd year, holds a book right-side up and goes from front to back

Age 3 to 4

- Begins learning letters
- Increased attention span for reading
- Uses new words and enjoys telling stories

Age 4 to 5

- Begins rhyming multiple words
- Will memorize books that are familiar, using the pictures to recall the words
- By the end of the 4th year, knows that numbers aren't letters and will create well-formed letters.

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