

Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

Beginning Edition

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Book Picks

Read-aloud favorites



Flashlight (Lizi Boyd)

If you went outdoors at night, what would you see with your trusty flashlight? That's what the boy in this wordless picture book wants to find out. Your child can explore the woods as the boy meets charming characters and discovers the not-so-scary secrets the night holds.



Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match / Marisol McDonald no combina

(Monica Brown)

Marisol adores her world full of colorful clothing and creative games. The other kids think she's too "mismatched." In this bilingual English-Spanish story, Marisol decides to be more like her friends. But it doesn't take her long to realize she's wonderful just the way she is.



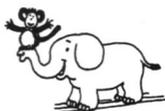
The Black Book of Colors

(Menena Cottin)

What does red taste like? How does green smell? This black-and-white book gives readers insight into what it's like for visually impaired people to "see" with their other senses. The words in the book are also printed in Braille—a writing system of raised dots.

The Opposite Zoo (Il Sung Na)

Explore a zoo full of opposites, where animals of all types—shy and bold, slow and fast, and hairy and bald—live together. Your youngster can follow an adventurous monkey through enchanting exhibits to learn about opposites before the zoo opens again for a new day.



Flex reading "muscles"

Just like muscles get stronger with regular exercise, your child will become a stronger reader with regular reading practice. Help him work out his reading "muscles" all year long with these ideas.

Read the rainbow

Encourage your youngster to draw an outline of a rainbow with six stripes and label them red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. Now help him find a library book for every color, perhaps *Green Eggs and Ham* (Dr. Seuss) or *Harold and the Purple Crayon* (Crockett Johnson). After reading each book, he can write the title on the matching stripe and color it in.

Read with others

Let your child start his own book club! He could invite a few friends or family members to help choose a book to read. Then, suggest that they set a date to meet (in person or online) to discuss the book—and pick their next one. *Idea:* He can ask each member to



bring at least one interesting discussion question to the meeting.

Read something new

Becoming familiar with different book genres prepares your youngster to read all kinds of books in school. Have him pick a topic (say, airplanes) and read books from various sections of the library. He might check out a story about a child's first airplane ride, a biography of Amelia Earhart, and a how-to book on paper airplanes.♥

Write me a riddle

Q: What building has the most stories?

A: The library!

Give your youngster practice writing questions and answers as she creates her very own riddles.

Let her think of an answer for a riddle, perhaps a favorite animal, food, or sport. She can use facts about the answer to write her riddle on one side of an index card. If she picks pizza, she might write, "I am round, cheesy, and can be delivered to your front door. What am I?" Then, have her write and illustrate the answer on the back.

Suggest that she read her riddles to friends and family. Can she stump them?♥

