READ, TALK, SING, WRITE, PLAY.
Every day.

READING out loud is one of the most important things you can do to get your child ready to read!

TALK. Don’t change new or unknown words in a book, explain them!

SINGING breaks down words into smaller parts so we can hear all of the syllables. This helps children sound out words when they learn to read.

Encourage your baby to reach and grab for different objects during tummy time. Grasping helps develop your child’s finger muscles, which helps them get ready to WRITE.

When children PLAY they use their imagination and learn how to explore and interact with the world around them.
100 BOOKS
Every Child Should Know Before Starting School

Books for Babies

- I Am a Baby by Kathryn Madeline Allen
- Besos for Baby: A Little Book of Kisses by Jen Arena*
- Whose Toes are Those? by Jabari Asim
- Love Makes a Family by Sophie Beer
- Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Jane Cabrera
- Freight Train by Donald Crews*
- Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox*
- My Heart Fills with Happiness by Monique Gray Smith*
- Up!: How Families Around the World Carry Their Little Ones by Susan Hughes
- Babies on the Bus by Karen Katz
- Everywhere Babies by Susan Meyers
- I Kissed the Baby! by Mary Murphy
- The Baby Goes Beep by Rebecca O’Connell
- Clap Hands by Helen Oxenbury
- Hello, Bugs! by Smriti Prasadam-Halls
- Babies Around the World by Puck*
- Shine, Baby, Shine by Leslie Staub
- We Sang You Home by Richard Van Camp

*Asterisk indicates the book is available in Spanish.

Books for Toddlers

- A Kiss Means I Love You by Kathryn Madeline Allen
- Marta! Big & Small by Jen Arena
- B is for Baby by Atinuke
- Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown*
- From Head to Toe by Eric Carle*
- 5 Little Ducks by Denise Fleming
- Where is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox*
- Up Up Up Down by Kimberly Gee
- Monkey and Me by Emily Gravett*
- Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino*
- Kitten’s First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes*
- Down by the Barn by Will Hillenbrand
- The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats*
- The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.*
- Tap the Magic Tree by Doreen Cronin*
- Bee-Bim Bop by Roald Dahl
- How Do You Feel? by Lizzy Rockwell
- All the World by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon
- Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle*
- I Got the Rhythm by Connie Schofield-Morrison
- The Bear Went Over the Mountain by Iza Trapani
- Mix It Up by Hervé Tullet*
- Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems*
- Hooray for Hat by Brian Won

Books for Preschoolers

- Ways to Welcome by Linda Ashman
- Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett*
- Rosie Revere: Engineer by Andrea Beaty*
- I Ain’t Gonna Paint No More! by Karen Beaumont
- Journey by Aaron Becker
- The Mitten: A Ukrainian Folktale by Jan Brett*
- I Am Enough by Grace Byers
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle*
- Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin*
- The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
- Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña*
- Strega Nona: An Old Tale by Tomie dePaola
- Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney*
- Dragon Was Terrible by Kelly DiPucchio
- Maria Had a Little Llama by Angela Dominguez*
- Mitchell’s License by Hallie Durand
- Olivia by Ian Falconer*
- Bark, George by Jules Feiffer
- Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! by Candace Fleming*
- Corduroy by Don Freeman*
- Red: A Crayon’s Story by Michael Hall*
- Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins*
- Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
- Peter’s Chair by Ezra Jack Keats*

“Children are made readers in the laps of their parents.”
- Emily Buchwald

“Reading should not be presented as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift.”
- Kate DiCamillo