

# Wee Reader's summer challenge



A love of reading is established in a child's earliest interactions with books.

*Wondering how to choose great books for your little one?*  
**We can help!**

## The best books for babies & toddlers have:

- Bright, large illustrations or clear photographs
- Simple, often repeated, text
- Interactive elements such as invitations to move, make noises, or lift flaps
- Sturdy binding & thick pages so children can turn the pages themselves
- Familiar subjects such as family interactions or animals



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Complete each of the activities below, then return this log to the library to claim your prizes!

- 1 READ** Share a shape, number or alphabet book with your child.
- 2 TALK & PLAY** Explain what you are doing as you prepare a meal while your child plays beside you.
- 3 TALK** Have a conversation by responding to your child's speech, even if your child can only babble.
- 4 SING** Sing a song with your child that you remember from your childhood.
- 5 TALK** Use bath time to talk about opposites: full/empty, wet/dry, in/out.
- 6 WRITE & PLAY** Let your child fingerprint or draw with chalk or crayons.
- 7 READ** Point out words and letters on packaging or signs.
- 8 TALK & PLAY** Make your child's doll or stuffed animal "talk" to your child.
- 9 READ** Let your child hold a book and turn pages.
- 10 TALK** Talk about your plans for the day. Use words like "first," "next," "then," and "last" when you describe the plans.
- 11 SING** Try listening to a new type of music with your child like jazz or classical and clap along with the beat.
- 12 PLAY & WRITE** Let your child get messy and feel different textures like paint, sand or grass.
- 13 READ** Find a book you remember from your childhood and read it together.
- 14 PLAY** Go on a color scavenger hunt and point out items in all the colors of the rainbow.
- 15 TALK** Make faces to show different emotions and name the feelings. Let your child make faces in the mirror.
- 16 SING & PLAY** Say a rhyme or fingerplay together like "Pat-A-Cake" or "Where Is Thumbkin?"
- 17 READ** Read a book in a new place like at the park or at the doctor's office.
- 18 READ** Find a book that has your child's favorite animal or character to share.
- 19 PLAY & READ** Attend a storytime at the library or have your child get a library card.
- 20 READ** Let your child see you reading a book or magazine you enjoy.

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