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How to Choose a Read Aloud Book

Although it is possible to choose books from recommended booklists, it is strongly suggested that YOU learn to choose books that both you and your children will enjoy. If possible, preview the books before reading them with your children. If you do not find the book interesting, chances are the child will not enjoy it either.

- Be aware of the Age Level of the children and the Developmental Levels of that age, such as A-B-C's, counting, and colors.
- Picture Books tell a simple story and are accompanied by simple text. Pictures should be clear so that children see the connections to the story.
- Do the children have any Special Interests such as animals, trucks, history, or hobbies? Choose these books to read.
- Read stories with your children which incorporate a family value such as being honest and trustworthy, etc.
- Children go through Universal Life Stages and Situations and enjoy stories about these stages - baby brother or sister, school, first pet, going to the dentist, etc.
- Familiar Stories are enjoyed over and over again. This is very typical for young children.
- Poetry is the rhythmic combination of words that capture children's attention and satisfies their need for activity. There are many fine collections of poetry that include serious as well as humorous writings.
- Fantasy and Imagination can be developed in children through reading books, giving them opportunities to experience things and places they might not otherwise encounter.



Have Fun Reading Together!

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