

Book Sharing

Book sharing is an activity that is enjoyable for all age groups. Reading, looking at and talking about the pictures, and making up a story to go with the pictures are some ways to share books with children. Here are some helpful tips to use when choosing or sharing a book with your child.

Babies and Toddlers:

- are attracted to pictures of simple objects,
- respond well to books with simple text, rhythm and rhyming words, and
- enjoy board books, cloth books, and books that include different textures.

Preschool and Kindergarten Children:

- benefit from nursery rhymes, folk tales and other books with familiar objects and experiences,
- like listening to slightly complex texts with good rhythm and effective repetition, and
- are coordinated enough to have fun with toy-like books that may pop up or move.

Beginning Readers:

- discover books with stronger storylines and character growth,
- benefit from books that are straightforward with familiar words, but may include some challenging words as well, and
- may like non-fiction books which expand vocabulary and understanding of the world.

Older Children:

- choose books based on personality traits, personal preferences and specific interests,
- may prefer different reading materials such as comics, e-books, magazines, poetry, or writing their own stories, and
- enjoy novels with well-developed plots or books by a favourite author.



The Five Finger Rule When Choosing a Book with Your Child

1. Open to any full page of the book.
2. Have your child read aloud from the page.
3. Every time they reach a word they don't know, put up a finger.
4. If they put up 5 fingers or less, the book is ok for them to read.
5. If there are more than 5 fingers up, the book may be too hard but might be a good book to read aloud to your child.



www.readingrockets.org/article/selecting-books-your-child-finding-just-right-books



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