



Read to Me News

From Your Public Library & Idaho's Read to Me Program

Building Vocabulary

Research shows that children who have larger vocabularies are better readers. Knowing many words helps children recognize & understand written words.

To help develop a strong vocabulary:

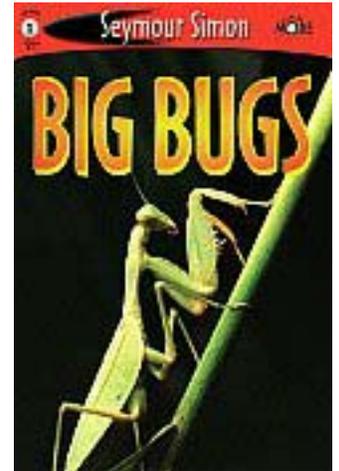
- * Talk to your child, a lot! Research shows that parents who talk to their children more often have children with larger vocabularies, and those children score higher on IQ tests.
- * Talk to your child about what is going on around you. Talk about how things work, feelings and ideas. Listen when your child talks to you.
- * Speak in the language that is most comfortable for you.
- * Read to your child every day. Children's books have more rare words than the every day conversations people have. Talk about the stories and the pictures in books.
- * Learn together by reading nonfiction books. Help your child pick out books about things he or she is interested in.
- * When your child talks to you, add more detail to what she says. Expand conversations and ask questions.

Parents who talk to their children throughout the day are giving them a gift. The language they learn will help them enjoy and understand the world around them and help prepare them to become lifelong learners.

Book of the Month

Big Bugs, by Seymour Simon

This book provides an introduction to the giant water bug, the goliath beetle, and robber flies. Each double-page spread features one photograph of a creature along with several lines of text commenting on its physical characteristics and behaviors. One excellent graphic feature, often used here when the photo has been enlarged, is an inserted box showing the actual size of the animal with its body position identical to that shown in the main picture.



Here's some more nonfiction books that you and your child may enjoy:

Big Book of Bugs, by Theresa Greenaway

Don't Squash that Bug, by Natalie Rompella

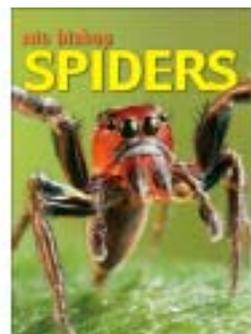
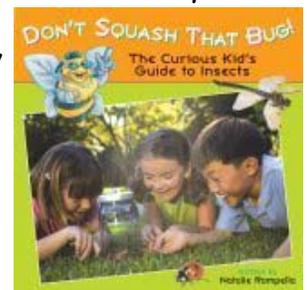
How Big Is It? by Ben Hillman

It's a Butterfly's Life, by Irene Kelly

Nic Bishop Spiders, by Nic Bishop

Living Color, by Steven Jenkins

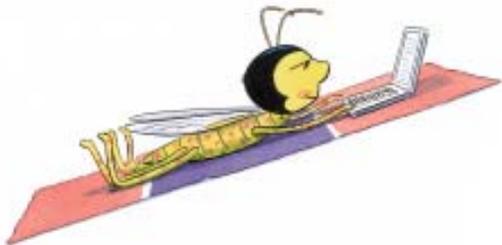
Actual Size, by Steven Jenkins



Bright Futures Begin with Summer Reading!

Top 10 reasons to sign up a child for summer reading.

- 10) To bring the world to your child
- 9) To keep your child's reading skills strong
- 8) To find great books for the whole family
- 7) To meet new friends
- 6) To find books to match your child's interests
- 5) To discover new authors and great web sites
- 4) To nurture a love of reading
- 3) To stretch your child's mind and imagination
- 2) To give your child a head start on life and learning
- 1) It's fun!



Did you know that a child who reads as few as six books over the summer can maintain or increase his or her reading skills!

Song of the Month

Flutter, Flutter, Butterfly

Sung to: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Flutter, flutter, butterfly.
Floating in the summer sky.
Floating by for all to see,
Floating by so merrily.
Flutter, flutter, butterfly,
Floating in the summer sky.



Fingerplay to Share

Creeping Caterpillar

Here comes a caterpillar,
Creeping up a tree.

(crawl your fingers up your arm)

It's munching every leaf in sight,
Hungry as can be.

(Make eating motion with hand.)

It sheds its skin and forms a shell:

The changes we can't see.

(fold hands)

Then out of the shell a butterfly comes,
Flying fancy-free!

(clasp thumbs, spread fingers and wave them)



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