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3-5

The Bookworm



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Narrative Skills

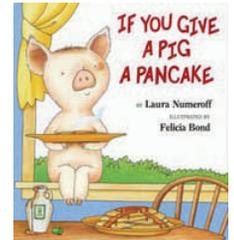
Narrative Skills are the ability to describe things and events, and tell stories. Helping your child develop these skills when she is young will help her understand what she hears, and later, what she reads. An example of a narrative skill is a child's ability to tell what happens at a birthday party or on a trip to the zoo.

What can parents do to help build narrative skills?

- Encourage your child to say the repeated phrase together.
- Re-read books so your child can become familiar with the story, making it easier to retell the story.
- Have your child retell the story.
- Encourage your child to tell you something from her own experience related to what happened in the book.
- Use puppets or props to tell the story to help your child remember it; have your child use props to help retell the story.
- Encourage your child to talk about the pictures in the book even if what she says is not in the story. Ask open-ended questions, ones that cannot be answered with yes or no.
- Have your child draw pictures and ask her to tell you about them.

Book of the Month

If You Give a Pig a Pancake, by Laura Numeroff



If you give a pig a pancake, she'll want syrup to go with it. If you give her some of your favorite maple syrup, she'll probably get all sticky and will want to take a bath...

This is the funny tale of a little girl who tries to keep up with the demands of a bossy little pig.

También disponible en Español

More books by author Laura Numeroff



If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
(También disponible en Español)

If You Give a Moose a Muffin

The Best Mouse Cookie

Beatrice Doesn't Want To

Laura Numeroff's 10-Step Guide to Living with Your Monster

*What Mommies Do Best/
What Daddies Do Best*

Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers



To find more Laura Numeroff books, as well as activities and information about the author, visit www.lauranumeroff.com

More fun with *If You Give a Pig a Pancake...*

Talk about it... Give your child some paper and some crayons, colored pencils, or washable markers, and ask him to draw a picture of his favorite part of the book. Ask him questions when he is finished. "Tell me about your drawing. Can you tell me more about this part of your picture?"

In the kitchen... Make pancakes with your child, either from a mix or by using the recipe below. Let your child help you measure and mix the ingredients.

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 3½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1¼ cups milk
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted

1. In a large bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Carefully pour in the milk, egg and melted butter; mix until smooth.
2. Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium high heat. Pour the batter onto the griddle, using about ¼ cup for each pancake. Brown on both sides and serve hot.

Picture books that help build narrative skills:

Books with a repeated phrase

Books that repeat part of the story

Books that tell a tale that builds on itself

Books where the events happen in an order

Wordless picture books

Fingerplay

Two Mother Pigs

Two mother pigs live in a pen.
(Put both thumbs up)

Each had 4 babies and that made 10.
(Show all fingers and thumbs)

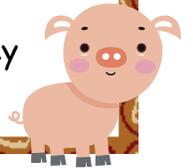
These 4 babies were black as night.
(Hold up 1 hand, thumb in palm)

These 4 babies were black and white.
(Hold up other hand, thumb in palm)

But all 8 babies loved to play,
And they rolled and rolled
in the mud all day.
(Roll hands over each other)

At night with their mother, they curled in
a heap *(Make fists, palms up)*

And squealed and squealed till they
went to sleep.



What your library can do for you...

Don't have access to a computer? Most libraries do not require a library card in order to use the computers. Some even offer free computer classes.

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