



For ages
3-5

The Bookworm



From your
local library
and Idaho's Read
to Me program

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Easy Ways to Keep Your Kids Reading Over the Summer

Summertime can mean new schedules, new caregivers, traveling, get-togethers, and lots of outdoor play... Here are some ways to make reading a part of your family's summer fun:

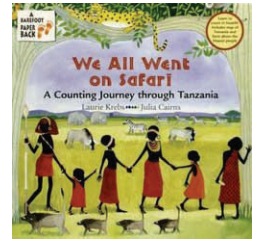
- Let your children pick out books they enjoy, even if you read them over and over again!
- Get your child (or family) a library card at your local public library. It's **free!** Many libraries offer free summer cards for those who live out of the district.
- Sign your child up for summer reading at your library and enjoy **free** programs with fun activities, storytelling, crafts and more. Many libraries have special reading programs for babies and toddlers.
- Read to your child every day. Children who are read to every day do better when they begin school!
- Set a good example: read on your own and talk to your child about what you are reading.
- Have books everywhere - in the car, in front of the TV, in the kitchen, on the porch...

One World, Many Stories

This year's summer reading theme is all about people, places, and travel. Many libraries offer summer reading programs for preschoolers, so check out your local library's summer calendar for free children's events, storytimes, prizes, and more!

Book of the Month

*We All Went on Safari:
A Counting Journey
through Tanzania,* by
Laurie Krebs



Your child will enjoy learning numbers from one to ten in English and Swahili as a group of Maasai children count African wildlife in the grasslands of Tanzania. The bright colors and rhyming text makes this safari story a great read-aloud!

Author Laurie Krebs has written lots of great books that introduce young children to "One World, Many Stories"

Off We Go to Mexico

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We're Sailing Down the Nile: A Journey Through Egypt

We're Riding on a Caravan: An Adventure on the Silk Road

Up and Down the Andes: A Peruvian Festival Tale

We're Sailing To Galapagos: A Week In The Pacific

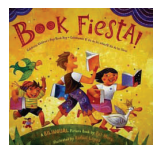
We're Roaming In The Rainforest: An Amazon Adventure

2011 Summer Reading Illustrator:

RAFAEL LOPEZ has been chosen to provide the artwork for the 2011 children's summer reading theme. Look for his artwork in other books, such as:

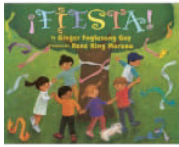
The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred, by Samantha Vamos

Book Fiesta! and Yum! Mmmm! Que Rico!: Americas' Sproutings, by Pat Mora

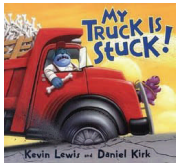


6 Early Literacy Skills

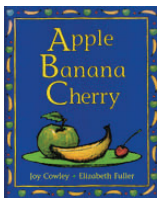
Each month *The Bookworm* has featured one of the 6 skills your child should develop in order to be ready to read in school.



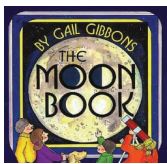
Print Motivation (loving books): Begin reading to your child when she is a baby; make reading a special, cozy experience, and let your child see you reading, too. Visit your library often!



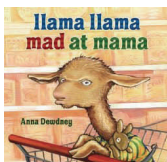
Print Awareness (using books): Point to words and pictures as you read, and let your child hold the book and turn pages. Read aloud the print on menus, labels, signs, etc.



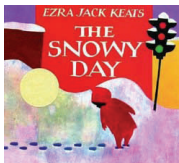
Letter Knowledge (ABC's): Write your child's name and talk about the letters. Make letters out of dough or string. Find letters that look the same or different.



Vocabulary (words): Talk with your child about what is going on around them, teach them the names of objects, and ask him lots of questions. Build words by reading information books.



Phonological Awareness (sounds): Sing songs, play games, and share rhymes to help your child hear and play with the smaller sounds in words. Ask if two words rhyme, or clap syllables in words.



Narrative Skills (storytelling): Tell stories together, encourage pretend play, and ask your child lots of questions. Help him learn order: first, next, last. Have her tell you about a picture she drew, or ask what is happening in the pictures.

We hope your family has enjoyed participating in the First Book program with your library!

Counting Rhyme

Count With Me In...

- from *Storytimes for Two-Year-Olds*, by Judy Nichols

Verse 1:

Count with me in Spanish.
Count with me and see.
Counting in Spanish
Is as easy as can be!
One is uno (oo-no)
Two is dos (dose)
Three is tres (trace)
Four is quatro (kwa-tro)
Five is cinco (seen-ko)
Count with me in Spanish:
Uno, dos, tres,
quatro, cinco.
It's as easy as can be!

Verse 2:

... in Swahili
One is moja (mo-jah)
Two is mbili
(im-bee-lee)
Three is tatu (tah-too)
Four is nne (nah-ney)
Five is tano (tah-no)

Verse 3:

... in Japanese
One is ichi (ee-chee)
Two is ni (nee)
Three is san (sahn)
Four is shi (shee)
Five is go (goh)

What your library can do for you...

Did your child like the books he/she received this year? How can we make the *Read to Me First Book* program better? Be sure to fill out your **First Book Parent Survey** and return it to your child's teacher or local librarian!

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