



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

- Let your child pick out books they enjoy, even if you read them over and over again! When children choose books they enjoy, they learn to love reading and become better readers when they begin school.
- Get your child (or family) a library card at your local public library. It's **free!** And 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.
- Read to your child every day. Use "waiting" time to share books: on trips, at the doctor's office, in line at the grocery store. 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...

Make a Splash- Read!

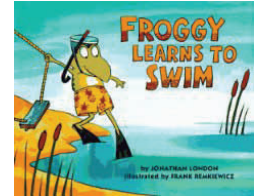
This year's summer reading theme is all about water. Many libraries offer summer reading programs for preschoolers, so check out your local library's summer calendar for free children's events, storytimes, prizes, and more!



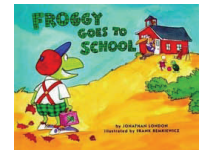
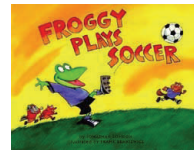
Book of the Month

Froggy Learns to Swim,
by Jonathan London

Froggy is afraid of the water until his mother, along with his flippers, snorkel, and mask, help him learn to swim. Lots of sound words like "zook! zik!" and "flop flop... splash!" make this story a wonderful read-aloud!



Check out some other Froggy books in English and Spanish...



More books to "Make a Splash!"

The Pout Pout Fish, Deborah Diesen

Deep Blue Sea, Audrey Wood

Down by the Cool of the Pool,
Tony Mitton

Frogs and Toads All Sang,
Arnold Lobel

Wave, Suzy Lee

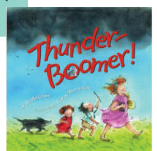
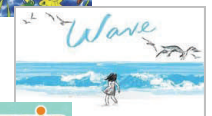
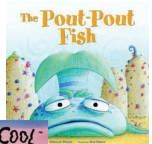
Sergio Makes a Splash, Edel
Rodriguez

*How Will We Get To The
Beach?* Brigitte Luciani

In the Small, Small Pond, Denise
Fleming

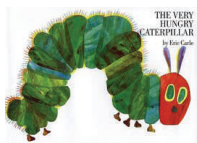
Thunderboomer! Shutta Crum

Don't forget to check out some non-fiction books about water, too!



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.



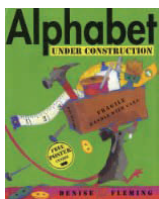
Print Motivation (loving books):

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!



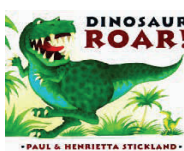
Print Awareness (using books):

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.



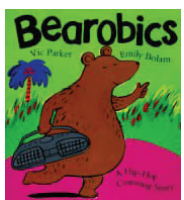
Letter Knowledge (ABC's):

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.



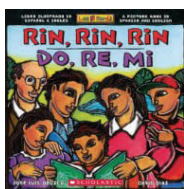
Vocabulary (words):

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!

Action Song

Waves in the Sea

(To the Tune of: *Wheels on the Bus*)

The waves on the sea go up and down,
(raise and lower arms)

Up and down, up and down,

The waves on the sea go up and down

All day long.

More verses...

The sharks in the sea go snap, snap, snap...
(clap your hands)

The fish in the sea go swish swish swish...
(swish back and forth)

The boats in the sea go toot toot toot...
(make blowing horn motion)

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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