

Did you know...



Children love to learn about and explore the world around them. Information or nonfiction books are one way they can do this. Information books contain photos or drawings that show animals, vehicles, people, etc. This helps children make connections to what they see and hear. Information books also introduce children to a lot of words that will help build their vocabularies. Knowing many words will help your child recognize and understand written words and language when it is time to learn to read.

Some information books have more words than young children can sit and listen to. It is okay to look at the pictures and talk about them, or read the main text on the page without reading all of the words. Young children like to point to things that interest them, so take that as a clue about what to spend time on while you read information books.

Here's how...

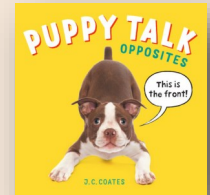


- ❖ Create a book that has pictures of family, friends, and pets. Glue photos on to sheets of paper or use a photo album or scrapbook. Write each person's name next to their picture and let your child look at it often to learn familiar people's names.
- ❖ Check out books from your local library about the things your child is interested in. Is it cars, dogs, or balls? You can search by topic in your library's catalog for the things your child loves.
- ❖ Information books can teach concepts such as numbers, colors, shapes, opposites, etc. It is good for your young child to be introduced to these concepts so they are familiar with them when they go to school.
- ❖ Find information books in the language you speak at home.

Read



Puppy Talk, **by J.C. Coates**



These puppies want to talk about “opposites,” such as “front” and “back.” Your little one will enjoy looking at the photos of these cute pups as you talk, ask questions, and cuddle up together.

Choosing Books



When choosing information books for babies and toddlers, look for:

- Books with simple photographs
- Books with realistic illustrations
- Books with everyday objects your child may recognize
- Books with limited text

Note that not all board books are fitting for babies and toddlers. Some board books are based on picture books for older children or written for adults. Ask your librarian for book suggestions for your baby's or toddler's age.



Talk



One of the most important things you can do with your baby or toddler is respond to their babbling by babbling or talking back to them. It is called “serve and return” interaction. This short video shows you how in five easy steps:



<https://tinyurl.com/Harvard-serve-return-5steps>

Ready to Write



In order to hold a pencil later on, young children need to practice tiny movements with their hands and fingers. Movements such as pinching, squeezing, pointing, patting, clapping, and bending fingers will give your baby or toddler practice moving different muscles in their hands.

Play



Action Rhyme

(match actions to words)

Puppy dog, puppy dog, turn around.

Puppy dog, puppy dog, sit on the ground.

Puppy dog, puppy dog, sit and beg.

Puppy dog, puppy dog, stand on one leg.

Puppy dog, puppy dog, bark and wail!

Puppy dog, puppy dog, chase your tail!

Puppy dog, puppy dog, into bed you creep.

Puppy dog, puppy dog, go to sleep.

*Based on the traditional rhyme
“Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear.”*



Sing



Oh Where, Oh Where, Has My Little Dog Gone?

Oh where, oh where, has my little dog gone?

Oh where, oh where can he be?

With his ears cut short and his tail cut long,

Oh where, oh where can he be?



To hear this song go to

<http://tinyurl.com/youtube-littledog>

At your library...



Idaho Family Reading Week is an annual statewide celebration of reading as a family activity. Libraries across the state are planning fun events that celebrate family reading and exploring Idaho’s “Wild Wonders.”

Ask your librarian about special events and programs planned for Family Reading Week, November 7-13, 2022.