

# Help Your Child Get Ready to Read!

## Talk about Books

### WHY?

Having a conversation when you're reading a book helps your child learn to tell stories, use and learn vocabulary, and have fun with books – all pre-reading skills!

### WHAT CAN I DO?

Let your child “fill in the blanks”:  
“Jump, frog, \_\_\_\_\_!”

Ask “open-ended” questions (no “yes” or “no” answers) and WAIT for the answers:  
“What’s happening here?”

Ask who, what, when, where and why questions:

“What is that animal called?”  
“Why are they hurrying?”

Remember and recall:

“What happened the last time we read this book?”

Connect the story to something in your child’s life:

“Do you see an animal you remember from the farm we visited?”

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your librarian!**



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## Book Suggestions

### Wordless (or nearly-wordless)

Books without many words, like these, are fun to share and talk about as they allow you and your child to make up the story, talk about the pictures, and predict what’s going to happen next. Your child can “read” the book to you!

**Higher! Higher!** by Leslie Patricelli  
E Fiction Patricelli

**Lion and The Mouse**  
by Jerry Pinkney  
E 398.2452 Pinkney

**Wave** by Suzy Lee  
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**Treasure Bath** by Dan Andreasen  
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**Peep!** by Kevin Luthardt  
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**Trainstop** by Barbara Lehman  
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**Do You Want to Be My Friend?**  
by Eric Carle  
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**Follow Carl!** by Alexandra Day  
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