



2024 Childcan's DPIL Reading Guidelines for Children born in 2022

Before Reading With Your Child:

Snuggling together to read a book builds a child's language and learning.

Reading a good book multiple times with different questions encourages a deeper understanding of language and stronger comprehension.

Point out the title and author and ask what they think the book will be about.

Find rhyming words, names of people or animals, words connected to the topic of the book

Counting is one of the easiest ways to bring math to a story, Count items on the page.

These books build upon previous skills, use repetition and predictability and use of real photo illustrations to develop learning. Books are about daily routines, body awareness, and topics familiar to your child. Nursery rhymes develop the ability to hear rhyming words and colours, letters, and numbers are common themes.

Below are some helpful guidelines to use when reading stories.

Snow Falls by Kate Gardner

Very few words are on each page, so the illustrations help to get across the simple text. Have your child remember things about the snow that this child points out on each page. Have your child explain: how snow softens, how it tricks, etc. by using the pictures to point out and explain. When the snow glides, have your child point out the stream of water and talk about how winter is starting to get warm enough that the next season, spring, finally arrives. Have your child talk about what they like about both winter and spring.

Wild Babies by Margriet Ruurs

Wildlife families are explained, using alliterative text for fun reading. The art has hidden surprises! Children learn that baby animals have different names: raccoon kits, otter pups, loon chicks, wolf cubs, etc.

One Elephant Went Out to Play by Sharon, Lois & Brahms

Enjoy the rhyming verse throughout the book. Have your child point to the animals as they are invited to play on the spider's web. Have your child count how many are playing on the web on each page.

Too Much! Not Enough! by Gina Perry

This story tells how two opposites finally find a way to come together to play. There are so many things on each page to count, name, and compare to their own toys and activities. Your child can share what things are their favourite and what they would like less of.

What Does Little Crocodile Say by Eva Montanari

A little crocodile experiences the first day of school in this playful book of noises and sounds. What little crocodile learns is that a teacher reads fun books to all the children, then has all the baby animals play lots of fun activities that were in the book. Your child can learn about all the fun things they can do when they make new friends.

A Bedtime Yarn by Nicola Ulinstanley

For children who have trouble falling asleep, here is a delightful story on how a mother bear helped her little cub to overcome his fear. It's also a way to talk about colours and things in life that have those colours. Have your child talk about the colour of things in their house.

Sam Sorts by Marthe Jocelyn

Wow! What a great counting book! Your child might relate to the many toys and when they are in a heap on the floor, it's time to tidy up. Sam has that same problem and this story helps your child to find ways to organize. As Sam begins to sort his toys, he realizes that some might also go into other categories, so the string he uses to go around a category, can overlap with another category.

Crocodile Hungry by Eija Sumner

Talk about why everyone is frightened of the crocodile. What is it that the crocodile really wants to eat in this story? Talk about all the make believe things that happened in this story that would never really happen with a crocodile.

ABC of Canada by Kim Bellefontaine

From Arctic to Zamboni, kids can follow the alphabet on a colorful tour across Canada. On their journey, they'll visit Canadian landmarks, including Jasper National Park and Peggy's Cove. Remind your child of any places they may have visited already. They'll also meet friendly characters enjoying Canadian pastimes, such as riding in the Calgary Stampede, playing hockey and watching the Northern Lights. Vivid illustrations and simple language guarantee that even the youngest traveler will enjoy this trip!

In the Sky at Nighttime by Laura Deal

A tender bedtime tale set in a too-seldom-seen northern world, where the northern lights dance, a mother's song sways on the breeze, and a raven roosts atop a tall building, bathed in the light of the moon. This lyrical poem sends readers sailing through the Arctic night sky to see and hear the unique beauty of a Northern night.

Peanut Butter and Jelly by Nadine Bernard Westcott

A favourite play rhyme and chant about that childhood culinary favourite, peanut butter and jelly, takes on super-duper proportions as two children create a table-sized sandwich from scratch.

It's Time for Bed by Ceporah Mearns and Jeremy Debicki

Talks to your child about their bedtime routines. It's time for Siasi to go to bed, but she doesn't want to brush her teeth or put away her toys. It's so much more fun to play with all the animals of the Arctic! Have your child identify the animals everyone would rather - dance with polar bear, howl with the wolves, and swim with the fish. In this charming bedtime story, readers follow

Siasi on a nighttime adventure as she comes up with excuse after excuse for why she's not quite ready to go to bed.