



2024 Childcan's DPIL Reading Guidelines for Children born in 2023

Before Reading With Your Child:

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

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.

Below are some helpful guidelines to use when rereading stories.

Ready for Winter by Marthe Jocelyn -helps children to master getting dressed. The choices seem endless when you think of the colours, textures and patterns of clothes. An introduction to the seasons also helps children dress for the weather.

Where's Baby? by Anne Hunter uses directional words, like in, over, under, up, around, and behind to explain their meaning. Have your child point out the baby in each picture and help them use directional words to explain where baby is hiding. Help your child to identify the animals that are not the baby. (Owl, skunk, bear, mouse, fish, and bull)

Anne's Colors by Kelly Hill - will take you through scenes of the Anne of Green Gables story/movie. Although there is one thing written as that colour, have your child find other objects that colour and name the objects.

A Day With Nellie by Marthe Jocelyn offers bright collages to create concepts for small children to explore. Wake up, Nellie! The fun is about to begin. First, there's deciding what to wear. Then there's breakfast with all kinds of shapes and textures and tastes. From indoor play in a made-up train, to a trip to the park and a bedtime cuddle with Daddy, Nellie's day is full of discoveries.

Counting with Barefoot Critters by Teagan White

Each page showcases a number. Have your child point to the numeral in the top left corner and find the coloured number name on the page. Count the animal characters on each page on the right. Count the small animals on the left side as well to reinforce the number. Check out the details in each picture and talk about what the friends are doing on each page. Point out that usually a rhyming word is found at the end of the page and find the rhyming word when you turn the page. Talk to your child about what they like to do with their friends.

“Slowly, Slowly Slowly,” Said the Sloth by Eric Carle shows us how slow a sloth is. Slowly, it eats and then, slowly, it falls asleep. "What strange kind of creature is this?" the other animals wonder. Why doesn't it run or fly or play or hunt like the rest of us? "Why are you so slow?" the howler monkey inquires. But the sloth doesn't answer any questions until the jaguar asks, "Why are you so lazy?" Anyone who has ever felt too busy will appreciate the sloth's peaceful lifestyle and realize that it's okay to take time to enjoy life. Eric Carle's dazzling collage illustrations introduce readers to the exotic beauty of the Amazon rain forest and the many unusual animals living there.

Richard Scarry's 100 First Words Pictures about life that your child can relate to, will help them learn the names of these items. You can also point out the colour of the items as well. Have your child point to their favourite clothes or their favourite games.

Blankie by Ben Clanton A big, yellow blankie is one of Narwhal's favorite things; not only because it keeps Narwhal warm and cozy, but also because it's not just a blankie. Narwhal can fold it into a hat, wear it as a cape (or a dress!) and even use it for a picnic with a best bud, like Jelly! This charming board book celebrates the power of imagination and reusability.

Skinamarink - is a favourite song that's fun to sing along to and use all the hand signals.

Canadian Animals in Colours by Geraldo Valerio Each spread features one of 10 different colours along with a Canadian animal and also features a lively descriptive phrase full of wordplay, alliteration, and rhyme. From the familiar black bears breakfasting in a bed of berries, to the more exotic purple sea stars stretching and pink prawns pirouetting, young readers will love discovering wildlife from a mix of environments including land, sea, and sky.

A Northern Alphabet by Ted Harrison A is for Arctic, B for Bering Sea, C for Clyde River – and Z for Zangeza Bay – all to be explored above the 60th parallel. If you google the title, you can find a U-tube reading of this book. The author suggests finding other pictures on the page starting with the alphabet letter being shown and having you add what you think will happen next for each picture.

Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney

Talk about bedtime routines and how your child feels at bedtime. What do they like the most about bedtime? What don't they like about bedtime? Enjoy the rhyming words with your child.