

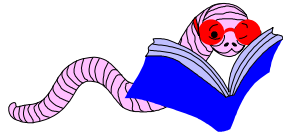


# Book Friendly!

Beginning Reading and Young Children

## Let's Read!

When parents help their children learn to read, they open the door to a big, exciting world.



As a parent, you can begin an endless learning chain like this:

⇒ You read to your children, ➤  
they develop  
a love of  
stories and  
poems, ➤  
they want to read on  
their own, ➤  
they  
practice  
reading, and ➤  
finally,  
they read for  
their own information  
or pleasure.

Helping children understand how books work is the beginning of reading!

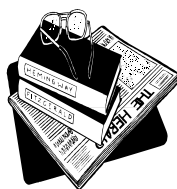


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Together with your child, explore the following book friendly questions.....

- ★ Where is the front of this book?
- ★ Where is the back of this book?
- ★ Can you point to the title for me?
- ★ Where do I begin reading the story?
- ★ Where will I stop reading?
- ★ Can you tell me a story by "reading" the pictures?

# As you read....



## ◆◆Point to the words

on the page. Move your finger from left to right.

## ◆◆Talk about the pictures

let your child give their "best guess" as to what words might be printed on the page. See if your child can locate any of the words they guessed.

## ◆◆Read aloud

together to learn about rhythm and repeated sounds in language.

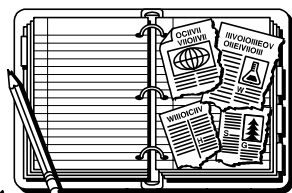
# Additional suggestions

## ◆◆Children who are already reading

have them read to younger children.

## ◆◆Dictate stories

Encourage your preschooler to tell you stories while you



write the words. They can do their own illustrations.

## ◆◆Listen to your child read

homework or favorite stories to you every day.

## ◆◆Go to the library together

and check out books.

Be sure to ask the librarian for good books or to help you find what you need.



## ◆◆Have books, magazines, and papers around the house,

and let your child see that you like to read, too.

## ◆◆Read aloud

to your child: books, newspaper and magazine articles, the back of the cereal

box,  
labels  
on  
cans,

For more information contact:

or directions.

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**The Center for Parent Involvement** (FCPI) was funded by the U.S. Department of Education; Goals 2000, Educate America Act from 1994-1999. Guided by an advisory board of parents and professionals, the FCPI's goal was to tap the power of parents.

The FCPI gathered information on parent needs, coordinated the information, and created a series of resources organized by theme, including fact sheets for parents and professionals, "Beyond the Basics" resources, and resource identification lists. Many of the resources have been translated into Spanish language versions, and every effort has been made to preserve the meaning and flavor of the original English documents. This series of materials provides a wealth of current information for both parents and providers; the complete set of resources can be obtained in PDF format on the Department of Child and Family Studies Website at [www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi](http://www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi). The staff of the FCPI are hopeful that their work will continue to help children get ready to learn for many years to come.

The series' themes include:

- Family Empowerment
- Parent Involvement
- Parenting Support
- School Readiness
- Violence in the Lives of Children
- Transition to Kindergarten

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