Bringing Books to Life:
Every Book Offers a Learning Opportunity
Why are parents so important in helping their children get ready to read?

Parents are a child’s first teacher.
Parents know their child best.
Children learn best by doing, and they love doing things with you.
What do children need to know before they can learn to read?

What is comprehension?

- Knowing what words mean (vocabulary)
- Understanding the meaning of printed language.
Talking:

Children learn about language by listening to adults talk and joining the conversation.
Use the language you know best.
Talking helps your child get ready to read.

A picture walk is a wonderful way to talk about a book.
Talking helps your child get ready to read.

We’re going on a picture walk.

Let’s meet the little red hen.
Now, you try a picture walk!
Shared reading is the best way to help your child get ready to read.

Let’s read *The Little Red Hen*. 
Playing helps your child get ready to read.

Now, you try reading!
Help children get ready to read by learning about science and math.
Learning about the world helps children get ready to read.

Children can learn important knowledge about how the world works through simple science and math experiences.
What is the scientific method?
The scientific method is a way to ask and answer questions by making observations and doing experiments.

What are the steps?
1. Ask a question.
2. Make a guess about the answer.
3. Do an experiment.
4. Make observations.
5. Draw conclusions.

Let’s learn how to learn by exploring ice cubes!
1. Question: Does warm water affect ice?
2. Predict: Make a guess. Will the ice cubes in warm water melt differently than the ice cubes in cold water?
3. Experiment: Put some ice cubes in warm water and some ice cubes in cold water.
4. Observe: Watch the ice cubes closely.
5. Conclusion: What happens???
Why can I see my breath when it is cold?

How do trees get a drink of water?

What is your question?

Help your child learn how to learn.

• Encourage your child to ask questions.
• Talk about possible answers.
• Look for answers together: talk, read, and write!

Start with questions.

Why can I see my breath when it is cold?

How much is one-half of something?

What is your question?
Let’s learn about…butterflies.

Let’s learn.
1. Look.
2. Talk.
3. Read.
4. Draw and write.
Read about topics that your children find especially interesting.
Read story, or fiction, books.

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Now, you try reading!

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Learning about the world continues with math.

Math helps children talk and learn about objects and ideas.
Math concepts are easy to include in everyday conversation.

How many are there?
Which one is the largest?
Which one looks like a cone?
Can you put them in order from smallest to largest?

Help your child:
• Count
• Measure
• Sort
• Compare
• Order
Play around with math.
Explore the world with your children every day.

Learn together by:
• Exploring new ideas.
• Digging deeper.
• Asking questions.
• Experimenting.
• Drawing conclusions!
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