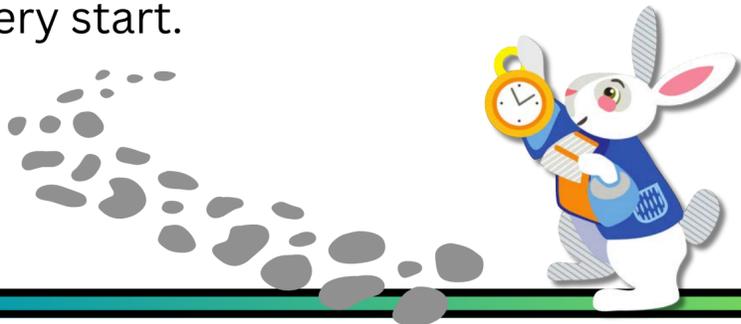


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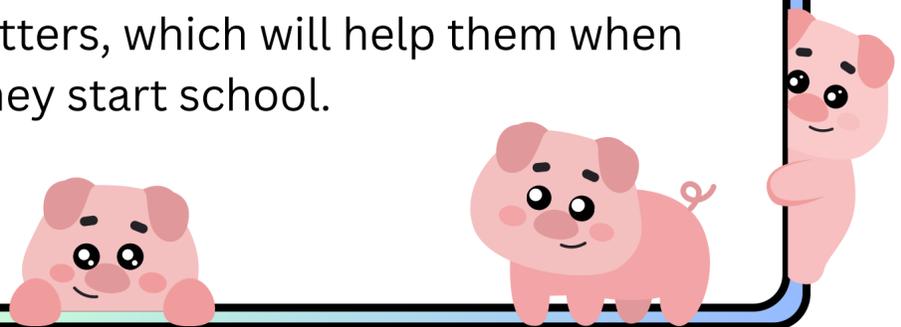
1 When to Start

You can begin reading to your child at any age, even before they are born! This can help make your voice comforting and familiar from the very start.



2 Repeat, Repeat, Repeat

Books can help your child expand their vocabulary. By repeating the same stories over and over, they can learn new words, sounds, and letters, which will help them when they start school.



3 Learning & Creativity

Pick books with subjects your child may not have learned about yet, like animals, seasons, shapes, or colors. Reading is a fun way to show them both real things and make-believe adventures.



4 Express Your Emotions

Give each character a silly voice and react to the story! This can help your child learn about feelings and keep them focused. They may copy your funny expressions, movements, or voices as you read.



5 Make it a Game

Play word games with your child to help them think about sounds and categories. While reading, ask questions, let them point to and name items, and have them turn the pages. If a sentence repeats, toddlers might like to finish or say it again.



6 Practice Makes Perfect

Help your child practice by using street signs or packaging on groceries. Label items in your home when your child is learning to read. This can help them remember the names of things they see each day.



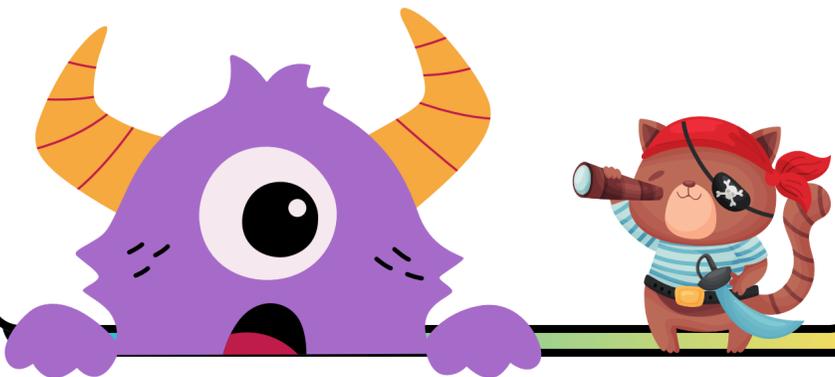
7 Forming a Habit

Consider reading at the same time each day, such as before naps or bedtime. Read for at least a few minutes at a time, or longer if your child remains interested.



8 Facing Their Fears

Thunderstorms and monsters are easier to handle on the pages of a book, especially when you're there for comfort! You can explain more about these topics while allowing your child to express their emotions.



9 Set a Good Example

If you read in your free time, your child may be more likely to pick up a book on their own. Consider visiting the library and choosing books to read together.



10 Bonding with your Child

Make sure to focus on your child completely, let them sit on your lap if they want, and have fun sharing this special time together!



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