Learning to read begins before children start school. Help your children develop early literacy skills now; this makes it easier for children to learn to read once they begin school.

Five of the best ways to help your child get ready to read are:

**Talking**

Here are some books to get you started-

**Books that invite participation:**

- Jesse Bear What Will You Wear? by Nancy White Carlstrom
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Magic Hat by Mem Fox
- Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag
- Little Red Hen by Paul Galdone
- Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino
- Jump, Frog, Jump! by Robert Kalan
- Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann
- Napping House by Audrey Wood

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Wordless books that make you the storyteller:

- The Snowman by Raymond Briggs
- I See a Song by Eric Carle
- Truck by Donald Crews
- Welcome to the Zoo by Alison Jay
- Dinosaur Dream by Robin Koontz
- Wave by Suzy Lee
- Time Flies by Eric Rohmann
- Dinosaur! by Peter Sis
- Chalk by Bill Thompson
- Flotsam by David Wiesner
- The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney
- On Noah’s Ark by Jan Brett
- Something from Nothing by Phoebe Gilman
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
- M is for Music by Kathleen Krull
- Otis by Loren Long
- Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
- I Stink! by Kate McMullan
- Skippyjon Jones by Judith Byron Schachner
- Big Plans by Bob Shea
- The Gods and Goddesses of Olympus by Aliki
- An Alphabet of Dinosaurs by Peter Dodson
- First to Fly: How Wilbur and Orville Wright Invented the Airplane by Peter Busby

Books that you can sing along to:

- Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin
- Hush Little Baby by Brian Pinkney
- This Little Light of Mine by Raffi
- We’re Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
- If you're happy by April Pulley Sayre
- Old MacDonald Had a Woodshop by Lisa Shulman
- There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback
- Mary Had a Little Lamb by Iza Trapani
- Little White Duck by Walt Whippo
- An Egg is Quiet by Dianna Hutts Aston
- How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin by Margaret McNamara
- Lots of Ladybugs! Counting by Fives by Michael Dahl
- Find the Constellations by H.A. Rey
- I Face the Wind by Vicki Cobb
- Spiders by Nic Bishop
- Whales by Seymour Simon
- The Magic School Bus: Inside the Human Body by Joanna Cole