

# Reading Makes Everything Better

Reading is one way that children develop language and literacy skills. Read with your child following the READ Strategy:



## Repeat the Book

- Repeat each book 3-5 times over the course of several days.
- For reads 1 and 2, talk about what's happening in the book.
- For reads 3 and 4, talk about how the characters feel and what they think about what's happening.
- For read 5, ask "Why" questions and let your child talk about the book.



## Engage and Enjoy

- Have fun.
- Use gestures, actions, and sounds.
- Use silly voices.
- Let your child make motions and sounds with you.



## Ask Questions

- Ask "Why" questions.
- Encourage your child to talk.
- Listen to what your child has to say.
- Even if your child can't talk yet, they can listen.



## Do More

- Make the book come alive.
- Create activities at home to go along with the book.
- Visit places and learn more about concepts in the book.
- Help your child make connections between the book and the activities.

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books we  
recommend  
this month



[bit.ly/READflyer](https://bit.ly/READflyer)

**Harry the Dirty Dog**  
by Gene Zion

**Jamaica's Find**  
by Juanita Havill

**Martina the Beautiful  
Cockroach**  
by Carmen Agra Deedy

**Koala Lou**  
by Mem Fox

**With Love, Little Red Hen**  
by Alma Flor Ada

**Strega Nona**  
by Tomie dePaola

**Bunny Cakes**  
by Rosemary Wells

**Where the Wild Things Are**  
by Maurice Sendak

**The Tiger Rising**  
by Kate DiCamillo

**Big Red Lollipop**  
by Rukhsana Khan



# September

THIS MONTH'S FOCUS:

**R E A D**

Strategy: Read together with your child

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Make a reading fort from blankets and chairs and read.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Share your favorite memory from your summer vacation. Tell why it's your favorite.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Have your parents tell you the story of their favorite memory from your summer break.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Watch READ video (<a href="https://youtu.be/WTMheEhQq_8">youtu.be/WTMheEhQq_8</a>) with your parents. Pick a book to read.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice R in READ Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/READflyer">bit.ly/READflyer</a>) by rereading a book with your parents and talk about what is happening in the book.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Read for 2 more minutes than you did yesterday.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Find your favorite reading spot and read nightly.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Practice R in READ Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/READflyer">bit.ly/READflyer</a>) by rereading a book with your parents and talk about how the characters feel.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Pick a favorite book and reread it.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice R in READ Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/READflyer">bit.ly/READflyer</a>) by rereading a book with your parents and asking "Why" questions as you talk about the book.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Have your parents read you a story.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Add your own text to a wordless story. Did you tell how the characters feel?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Set a goal for how many minutes/pages you will read. Keep working to read more.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Tell a friend what a character in your story might say.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Invite a friend over to share your favorite story. Be sure to tell why it's your favorite.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Talk with your parent about what you can do to stay focused when you are distracted. Make a plan.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice your plan of staying focused when distracted.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Reread a book to learn something new. What "Why" questions do you have?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Pick a book to read and tell why you picked it. Reread it to learn something new.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Share a detail from the setting of your story. What makes it a good detail?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Read for 2 more minutes than you have been.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Tell a story across your fingers. Give details about the characters.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice the I-PICK Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/31CF1qZ">bit.ly/31CF1qZ</a>) to find a good-fit book. Tell your purpose for reading your book. (see PIE chart <a href="https://bit.ly/2MVijYM">bit.ly/2MVijYM</a>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice the I-PICK Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/31CF1qZ">bit.ly/31CF1qZ</a>) to find a good-fit book. Tell your purpose for reading your book. (see PIE chart <a href="https://bit.ly/2MVijYM">bit.ly/2MVijYM</a>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice the I-PICK Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/31CF1qZ">bit.ly/31CF1qZ</a>) to find a good-fit book. Tell why you are interested in the book. Show your favorite page.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice the I-PICK Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/31CF1qZ">bit.ly/31CF1qZ</a>) to find a good-fit book. Tell why you are interested in the book. Show your favorite page.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice the I-PICK Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/31CF1qZ">bit.ly/31CF1qZ</a>) to find a good-fit book. Read some of it to see if you know most of the words.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice the I-PICK Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/31CF1qZ">bit.ly/31CF1qZ</a>) to find a good-fit book. Read some of it to see if you know most of the words.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Continue to add minutes to your reading until you read at least 20 minutes each night.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice the I-PICK Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/31CF1qZ">bit.ly/31CF1qZ</a>) to find a good-fit book. Check your comprehension by telling what happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Reread a story you have written.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice the I-PICK Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/31CF1qZ">bit.ly/31CF1qZ</a>) to find a good-fit book. Check your comprehension by telling what happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Practice the I-PICK Strategy (<a href="https://bit.ly/31CF1qZ">bit.ly/31CF1qZ</a>) to find a good-fit book. Check your comprehension by retelling what happened in the story.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Share a story with a partner. Remember how partners share.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Share a story you have written with a partner and listen for what they liked about your story.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>