



Calling All SUPER WHY Super Reader Families: Enjoying Books With Your Preschool Child



A PBS KIDS series for three- to six-year-old children...

SUPER WHY is the first superhero property that helps children learn to read through interactive story adventures!

SUPER WHY encourages you to read good books that your child(ren) enjoy, so they learn to love books and reading, and are ready for school!

Preschoolers Enjoy

- Storybooks and pictures with action and detail.
- Stories about familiar things and situations.
- Stories about families – even animal families – that include a "child" about their own age.
- Stories that use humor and surprises.
- Listening to favorite stories read over and over again.

A Good Book

- Has appealing illustrations that add meaning to the story. Can your child retell the story just by looking at the pictures?
- Encourages your child to: retell the story, act it out, or draw a picture about it.
- Offers a positive message – a person finds something that was lost, a character is welcomed home, or a child is able to do something he hadn't been able to do.

- Allows your child to have fun with language such as "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down."

What You Can Do To Encourage Your Child To Read

1. Make the story more enjoyable by using different voices and sound effects.
2. Keep your child engaged by asking him/her to predict what will happen next, or to tell you what they would do in that situation.
3. Relate the characters and stories to your child's experiences – so your child can understand what is happening and feel empathy.
4. Help your child learn new words by connecting them to pictures in the book or by explaining their meaning.
5. Find stories about your child's own cultural heritage or lifestyle. Make sure they are presented in an honored and respectful way.
6. Read a variety of books to find out your child's interests, whether trucks, butterflies, or stories about families. Look for more books on these subjects.
7. Check to see whether a book is recommended for specific ages of children.
8. Observe your child's interest level to make sure it is age-appropriate for him/her.
9. Give books to your child as a reward or gift.
10. Allow your child to help choose the books s/he finds appealing – an important process in helping your child see himself/herself as a reader.

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