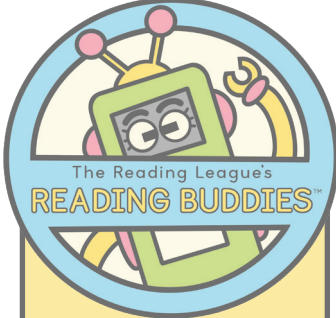





# Five Recommendations to Help Your Child Become a Future Reader

- 1 Read Together (infants and up)**  
Read to children to create a bond and develop a love of reading during this special shared time. Children often request to read the same book over and over again - routines support learning!
- 2 Focus on Oral Language (infants and up)**  
When we read, we are reading language. Take every opportunity to build oral language with your child early on to get them ready for reading. Immerse them in language—even multiple languages—as you talk, read, play, and sing with them!
- 3 Build Knowledge (toddlers and up)**  
Use storybooks, audiobooks, and informational books such as age appropriate biographies and science texts to build knowledge about the world that will support their future reading development.
- 4 Teach Letters and Sounds (toddlers and up)**  
Teach the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. Explain that letters represent sounds in words. Play word games that segment words into smaller pieces, such as syllables (mail/box) and individual sounds (s/u/n).
- 5 Sound Out Simple Words (age three and up)**  
Show children as early as three or four years old how letters and sounds combine to form words in print. Ask them to sound out simple words like “sat”, “fit”, or “up” in decodable books for beginning readers. Have them practice forming letters and spelling simple words too!



Check out the **Reading Buddies™** on YouTube for a fun way to learn these concepts with your children!



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