

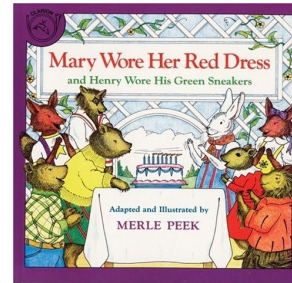
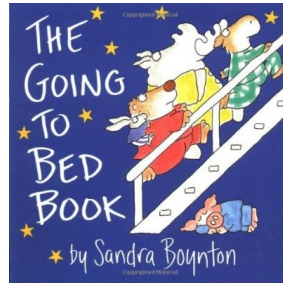
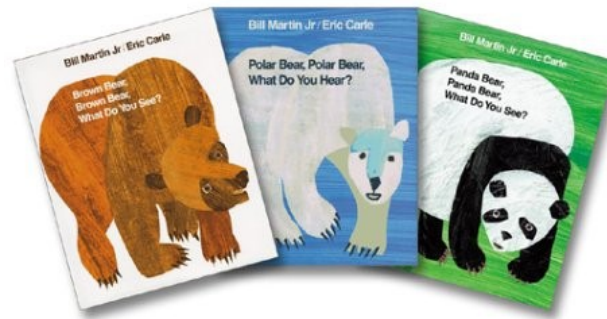
Reading With Toddlers



2-3 YEARS OLD

What Can They Do:

- Turns paper pages, one at a time
- Learning to handle paper books
- Looks back and forth in books to find favorite pages
- Recites whole phrases, sometimes whole stories
- Protests when adult gets a word wrong in a familiar story
- “Reads” familiar books to self
- Listens to longer stories
- Moves finger along text
- Can retell familiar story



For Toddlers Choose:

- Books that tell simple stories.
- Simple rhyming books, with short rhymes that a child can remember.
- Bedtime books.
- Books about letters, numbers, shapes or sizes.
- Books about animals, vehicles and playtime.
- Pop-up books, pull-the-tab books and touch-and-feel books.
- Books with funny pictures and words.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH YOUR TODDLER?

- Keep using books in routines like bedtime or bath time
- Relate books to child’s experiences (find books about the zoo after a family trip)
- Be willing to read the same story over and over again
- Don’t worry about always reading the words in the book; talk about what your child is looking at
- Use new words and concepts to talk about what is happening in the book
- Ask “What’s that?”, “Where’s the...” - but not too many questions!
- Use different voices for different parts of the story or different characters
- Leave out a word in a favourite book so they can fill it in
- Continue to have fun with songs, rhymes and silly words
- Contact your local library about “Story Time” for preschoolers

