

BOOKS AT THIS LEVEL HAVE

- Few words (if any)
- Simple concepts
- Mostly pictures

WHY WORDLESS PICTURE BOOKS?

Wordless picture books are a great way to get your child ready for reading! They not only promote visual decoding, original thinking, language production, and an understanding of multiple viewpoints, but they also build beginning readers' confidence and enthusiasm.

HOW TO USE THIS KIT

Show your child all of the books, letting them choose which to read first. Choice means so much to young children, so empowering them to make their own reading choices is another great way to get them excited about reading!

When your child chooses a book, point out the author and illustrator, and then look closely at the cover, prompting your child to describe what they see.

Allow your child to hold the book and turn the pages. As your child narrates the story, follow their lead and ask plenty of open-ended questions along the way ("I wonder what..." and "What do you think..." etc.)

If your child feels more comfortable looking at all of the pictures before narrating the story, go on a "picture walk" together, going through the story first by observing the pictures and then a second time with your child's narration.

Fun fact - not only will your child have lots of fun with wordless picture books but they'll also be accomplishing national reading standards for kindergartners!

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME A BETTER READER

Read together every day! This could be your child reading to you, you reading to your child, or simply you and your child each reading your own book in the same space. In addition to giving your child time to practice his or her new reading skills, reading aloud to your child is the single most important way to support learning.

Choose fun stories or fact books on topics your child loves. It's okay to not finish a book if your child isn't into it - the goal is to keep reading fun!

Listen to audiobooks in the car or at bedtime so your child can enjoy more complex stories.

