

BOOKS AT THIS LEVEL HAVE

- Few words
- A focus on sight words, rhyming words, and the alphabet
- Simple concepts
- Mostly pictures

WHY THE EMPHASIS ON SIGHT WORDS, RHYMING WORDS, AND THE ALPHABET?

In order to learn to read, children have to become expert decoders. At the very beginning, they need to know that a loopy line is a symbol for “S” and makes the sound “sssss” like a snake. As they gain this knowledge, they also need to know that different combinations of letters make different sounds and different words. This kit has been put together to help your child learn some of the different sounds and words that make up a story.

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!

Help your child with the decoding process by sounding out new letters and words together. To extend your child’s learning, try labeling common things at home with different letters and words. Or, as you drive together, play the name game and call out different objects that you pass that start with different letters. If your child loves technology, try the apps “Endless Alphabet” and “Endless Reader.”

Fun fact - not only will your child have lots of fun mastering decoding, 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.

