RAISING A READER

Preschoolers

3 – 5 years of age

Reading is the key to learning. Parents can prepare their child to read even before they begin school. As your child’s first reading teacher, a love of reading is one of the most important gifts you can give them.

Reading to your child every day helps him/her to learn a sense of story. It also builds vocabulary, improves listening skills, broadens the child’s experiences and stimulates imagination. Moreover, reading creates an important bond between the child and the reader.

Three to five year old children enjoy longer picture books than in their toddler phase. Rhyming stories, funny characters and books that deal with things in the preschooler life are popular. Books that reinforce concepts such as counting, colors, and shapes and introduce the alphabet are good choices. Children may develop personal favorites and ask for some books over and over again. Preschoolers ask questions and books can help them learn the answers. Staff at the Napa County Library Children’s Room can help locate easy, short books on many different subjects for your preschooler. Just ask!

**RHYMING BOOKS**

- Bunting: Have You Seen My New Blue Socks?
- Cummins: Sleepy Sheepy
- Dempsey: Mini Racer
- Dewdney: Llama, Llama Red Pajama
- Diesen: The Pout-Pout Fish
- Fox: Good Night, Sleep Tight
- Fox: Where is the Green Sheep?
- Heling: Graduation Groove
- Hudson: Hands Can
- Jameson: Farm Lullaby
- Jameson: Woodland Dreams
- Lewis: Sweet Dreams
- Longstreth: Yes, Let’s
- Lyon: Planes Fly
- Martin: Peep and Ducky
- Nelson: I Like the Rain
- Reidy: All through my Town
- Rinker: Construction Site (series)
- Rinker: Steam Train, Dream Train
- Ryder: Won’t you be my Kissaroo?
- Scanlon: Happy Birthday, Bunny
- Shaskan: Toad on the Road: a Cautionary Tale
- Willis: Hipposopotamus
- Wilson: Never, Ever Shout in a Zoo
- Wood: I Love You Little, I Love You Lots

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