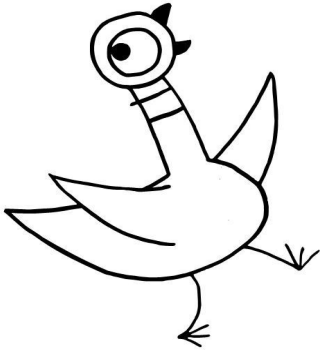


# Scavenger Hunt for Literacy: Toddler

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Read a book by Mo Willems and underline several words as you read. Mo Willems is a great example of print awareness; notice how some words are in all caps, some words are small and quiet, like a whisper. Discuss these differences as you read. Below are several favorites by Willems:

- *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*
- *Leonardo and the Terrible Monster*
- *Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late*

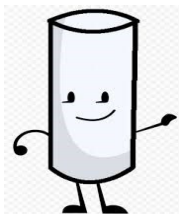


One way that you support phonological awareness starts with just hearing sounds. When you are reading together, you can say animal sounds, the sounds of cars, a doorbell (any sound) and have your children try to repeat what you say. These activities are helping your children hear words in a way that will help them decode words while learning how to read.

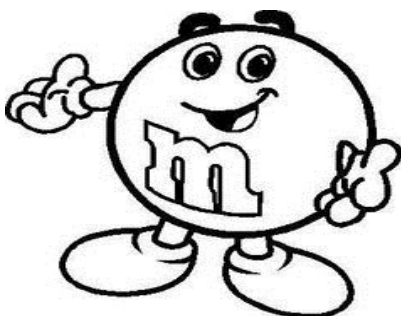


Read a book solely with pictures in it. Point to the pictures and talk about what you think will happen next. Having a conversation about a book is a wonderful way to build background knowledge, which facilitates the enjoyment of reading. Here are a few great suggestions:

- *Flotsam by David Wiesner*
- *Flora and the Flamingo by Molly Idle*
- *The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney*



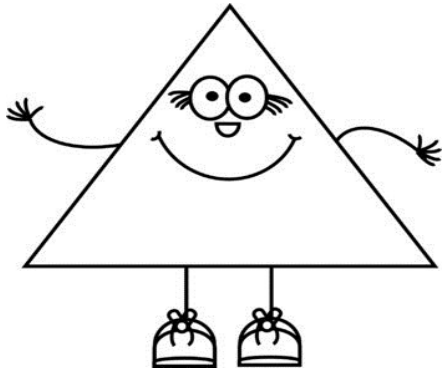
Go outside and write using chalk on the sidewalk. Writing, including scribbling, is one way to develop print awareness. Encourage your child to “read” to you what he or she has written. This helps to reinforce that writing and print have meaning, which is something children need to know to be ready to read.



As you are reading a book, find a word that has three syllables. Use the chart given and place an M&M down for every syllable you clap out in words as you read. Playing games like this one helps increase a child's phonological awareness, the ability to hear and play with smaller sounds in words.

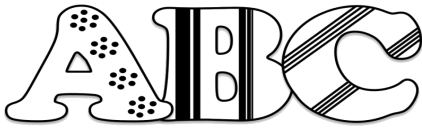
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Explore the following books and talk about the shapes, colors, and sizes. Then play an I spy game using objects in the books. Say, “*I spy with my little eye something \_\_\_\_*. (Choose a color, shape, or size) *Can you find it?*” Games such as this one help to increase letter knowledge, knowing that letters are different from one another.

- *Bulldozer’s Shapes* by Sherri Rinker
- *Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert
- *Mouse Shapes* by Ellen Walsh

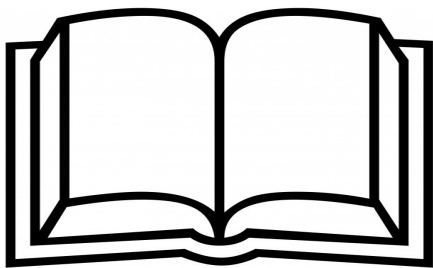


Read one of your child’s favorite books. Repetition is great for a toddler! See if they can predict what happens next in the story.



Nursery rhymes are important. Check out books that contain nursery rhymes and sing them as you read. Children who know eight nursery rhymes by the time they are eight years old are 80% more likely to succeed in school. Nursery rhymes break down language and introduces new vocabulary words. Below are several suggestions:

- *Itsy Bitsy Spider* by Emily Bannister
- *Big Fat Hen* by Keith Baker
- *Hey Diddle Diddle!* By Annie Kubler



Check out two books about colors. After your done reading, do a painting together where you combine several different colors, have fun! Below are a few suggestions:

- *Bear Sees Colors* by Karma Wilson
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* By Bill Martin
- *Colors* by Chez Picthall



Read a book that was awarded a Caldecott Medal. The Caldecott Medal annually recognizes the preceding year’s “most distinguished American picture book for children”; the Association for Library Science to Children awards it to the illustrator. Here are a few recent Caldecott winners:

- *Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall
- *Thank You, Omu!* By Oge Mora
- *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin