

2 TO 3 YEAR OLDS

Toddlers are very busy (they have so much to learn and do!) and it can seem hard to get them to sit still for stories. Here are some tips for reading with your little ones:

TIMING

Try to find times when they seem most receptive – possibly after lunch, after a bath, or before they fall asleep.

INCLUSION

Make sure to include them in the story. Ask lots of questions and give them time to answer.

INTERACTION

Let your children turn the pages, point at pictures and mimic movements in the book – it is okay if they don't sit the entire time.

GUIDING

Don't worry about reading all the words – most toddler books don't have plots anyway!

ENJOYMENT

Toddlers like books with rhymes and familiar items, routines, and simple words.

REPETITION

Read favorite stories again and again and again!

AUTHORS TO TRY:

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BOOKS TO TRY:

Appelt, Kathi

Counting Crows

Crows counting their snacks have the tables turned when they realize they will be a snack for the cat in this tale told with great humor.

Barnett, Mac

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole

Sam and Dave are sure they will discover something exciting if they just keep digging their hole.

Barton, Byron

My Bus

A bus driver named Joe picks up five dogs and five cats in all, dropping nine of them off at the plane, train, or boat. The tenth passenger, a dog, Joe takes home.

Beaton, Kate

The Princess and the Pony

An unconventional warrior princess finds her steed to be her greatest asset on the day of battle.

Cabrera, Jane

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

This playful take on the old nursery rhyme shows what happens to the wool the sheep gives out, as it is made into clothes.

Deeney, Bethanie

Cockatoo, Too

Enter the jungle where you will meet many cockatoos and toucans and have fun reading this lively story filled with wordplay.

Gehl, Laura

Peep and Egg: I'm Not Hatching

Peep tries to convince Egg to come out of his shell.

Goetz, Steve

Old MacDonald Had a Truck

Toddlers will love to sing along with this new version of an old favorite, featuring heavy farm machinery.

Gravett, Emily

Little Mouse's Big Book of Beasts

A mouse goes through a list of beasts that he's afraid of and works to make them a little less scary

Teckentrup, Britta

Tree: A Peek-Through Picture Book

Learn about colors and seasons and meet the animals who make a tree their home

Tullet, Hervé

Let's Play

Play your way through this interactive and humorous book!

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