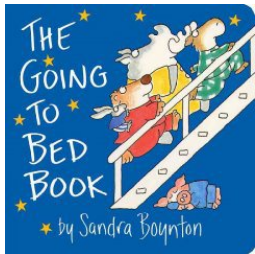


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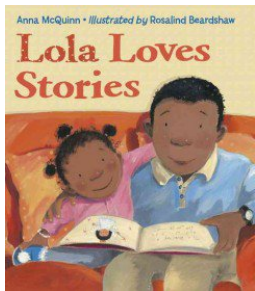


The going to bed book

by Sandra Boynton

A variety of animals are traveling by boat, and it's time for them to get ready for bed. The rhyming story describes their activities and the illustrations add silly fun. Share this book at bedtime as you go about your own routine. Make nighttime reading a regular routine - cuddle up together and share books and your child will associate books and reading with a special time he gets to spend with YOU.

For ages 18 months to 3 years:

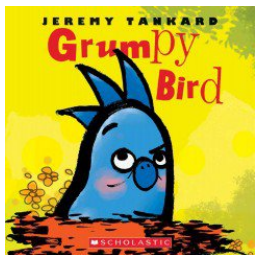


Lola loves stories

by Anna McQuinn

Lola loves to listen to her father read stories every night. The next day, her play is inspired by the story. What stories are your child's favorite? What kind of play might the stories inspire? If the story is about a lion, you might pretend to be lions and talk about where they live and what they eat. What sounds do they make? Follow your child's lead!

For ages 3 to 5 years:



Grumpy Bird

by Jeremy Tankard

When Bird wakes up, he's grumpy. Too grumpy to fly, even, so he chooses to walk. One by one his animal friends join him, until Bird realizes he's leading a fun game. He forgets all about being grumpy. The ending will surprise you! Silly stories like this one are great for sharing. Laughing and feeling happy encourage learning!

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Also in your kit:

Babies: Blank board book

- If your baby is able to scribble, let them scribble or draw on one or more of the pages. If they are able, have them tell you what they have drawn. Write their words on the page.
- Add photographs of family, friends, home, favorite toys, pets, or other familiar things to the pages. Write a word underneath describing what it is. You and your baby can go through this book over and over and talk about what you see!

Toddlers & Preschoolers: Blank book

- Let your child draw pictures on the pages. They might draw individual pictures or the whole book could be one continuous story. Ask them to tell you what's happening in the picture. Write down what they say in simple sentences and then read it back to them. They will start to connect the words we read aloud with the printed words on the page.
- If your child isn't sure what to draw, offer some suggestions: "Why don't you draw what you saw at the zoo last week?" or "Why don't you draw something you like to play with?"

More fun at home:

- Visit the library and allow your child to choose books they want to check out (and grab a few that you like, too!) Your child will be motivated to read the books that he has chosen. Keep your books on a special shelf that your child can access at any time. Remember that ALD does not charge overdue fines on children's materials!
- Tell your child a story that you remember from your childhood. The fact that it was important to you will make it more special to your child.
- Let your child catch you reading! Young children want to do what their caregivers do. If they know that reading is important to you, they'll be motivated to learn!

Try some of these books that are Ms. Mary's favorites! It's okay if they're not your favorites too. Find books that you love and share them often!

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems

A Splendid Friend, Indeed by Suzanne Bloom

Moo! by David LaRochelle

Yummy, Yucky by Leslie Patricelli

Pete the Cat : I love my white shoes by Eric Litwin

Dear Zoo : a pop-up book by Rod Campbell