

Stories Matter

From the moment a child is born, parents are their first teachers. We might think reading stories to an infant is mostly about the pictures and fun voices, but a child is learning much more than that from the words, pictures, and stories that we read. We show them friendship, navigating difficult situations, different cultures, and, even how to problem solve. As well, reading to our kids at young ages will help them become successful readers later. Our words are powerful. Stories matter.

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Recommended Children's Picture Books

Here at **ReadWriteThink**, our mission is to provide educators, parents, and afterschool professionals with access to the highest quality practices in reading and language arts instruction by offering the very best in free materials.

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- [First Book](#) is national non-profit organization whose mission is to provide children from low-income families the chance to read and own their first new books. First Book provides an ongoing supply of new books to children participating in community-based mentoring, tutoring, and family literacy programs.



Reading Rockets is a national public media literacy initiative offering information and resources on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help.

JumpStart Read for the Record



Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. And one by one, Omu offers a portion of her meal. Soon the pot is empty. Has she been so generous that she has nothing left for herself?

Each year, JumpStart selects a campaign book that fosters language and social-emotional development, honors the diversity in our world, has a strong narrative, and appeals to young children.

Is your child care center, preschool, or friends and family participating this year?