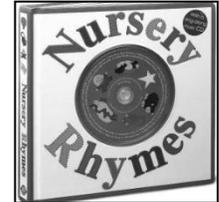


Best Books for School Readiness

Great books help provide the foundation for school readiness skills in young children, but what *exactly* should you read with babies, toddlers and preschoolers? Smart Beginnings Roanoke has some great suggestions, all of which will help your child be ready for school and ready for life!

Rhyme & Repetition

Books with lots of rhyming words, and predictable patterns are great for early language development and phonological awareness skills needed for future reading and writing success in school. As you read these books over and over, pause every now and then and let your child say the word that rhymes or the predictable part of the story.



Book Suggestion – Nursery Rhymes: Touch & Feel by Roger Priddy

Real World Concepts

Books that teach real world concepts help reinforce and enhance early math, science and vocabulary development. Look for books with real photographs so you can make connections to your child's everyday experiences.



Book Suggestion – My First Numbers: Let's Get Counting by DK Publishing

Simple Life Lessons

Books about simple life lessons provide opportunities for children to develop positive social and emotional skills. Use these books to give children ideas on how they can get along with others and to help them deal with everyday problems frequently encountered by toddlers and preschoolers.



Book Suggestion – Hands are Not for Hitting by Martine Agassi

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