3 Years

Make reading and writing a part of every day.

Toddlers like to hear stories over and over and over again.

Three-year-olds may be able to guess what the characters will do next. Talk about the story!

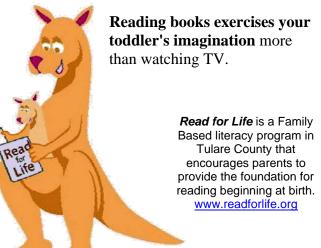
While you are reading a book some threeyear olds may run, hop, jump, or stand on one leg!

Three-year-olds like to write, scribble and draw. Have paper, pencils, crayons and markers where they are easy to reach.

Three-year-olds like to pretend to read their own books.

Some three-year-olds can remember nursery rhymes and fill in words or phrases in favorite books.

Let your toddler see you reading - the mail, a newspaper, a catalog, a cookbook, or a novel. Buy books when possible - yard sales and library book sales are good places for bargains.





Visit your local library and bookstore as often as possible. Attend storytimes wherever they are given.

Choose books with:

- > lots of conversations between characters
- > friendships between characters
- humor

Let your child help you select books.

Some good books for a three-year-old:

Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet Ahlberg

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

All the Colors of the Earth by Sheila Hamanaka

Grandma's Purple Flowers by Adjoa Burrowes

Corduroy by Don Freeman

The Little Red Hen by Margot Zemach

Can You Top That? by W. Nikola-Lisa

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Stella and Roy Go Camping by Ashley Wolff

A House is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman