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Make reading and writing a part of every day.

Four-year-olds are beginning to:

- figure out the difference between real and make-believe
- make up their own stories
- name shapes, colors and letters
- listen for rhymes, play with sound

Some four-year-olds can hold a pencil and "write" notes by scribbling.

Four-year-olds love to make up stories, tell jokes, and sing songs.

Some four-year-olds spend a lot of time reading on their own. Keep books within easy reach. Choose books with adventures - you can travel far away with a book.

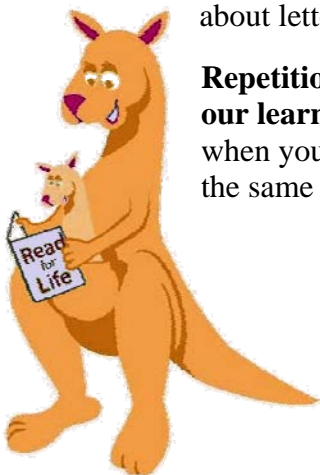
Preschoolers like to expand their worlds beyond family, but they want to feel safe at the same time. Familiar books and comforting stories can calm their fears.

There are lots of shapes, sizes and colors in books. Talk about these, add them up, and look at the sameness and differences.

Start looking at alphabet and counting books together. Your child wants to know about letters and numbers.

Repetition is important in all our learning. Don't get frustrated when you get a tenth request for the same book!

Read for Life is a family-based literacy program in Tulare County that encourages parents to provide the foundation for reading beginning at birth.
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Visit your local library and local bookstore as often as possible. Find out about other story times in your area.

Some good books for a Four-year-old:

Bedtime for Frances
by Russell Hoban

Bein' with You This Way
by W. Nikola-Lisa

Make Way For Ducklings
by Robert McCloskey

The Tale of Peter Rabbit
by Beatrix Potter

The Gingerbread Man
by Paul Galdone

The Little House
by Virginia Lee Burton

Road Builders
by B.G. Hennessey

Max Found Two Sticks
by Brian Pinckney

Bunny Cakes
by Rosemary Wells

Elizabethi's Doll
by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
by Michael Rosen

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
by Kevin Henkes

The Wolf's Chicken Stew
by Keiko Kasza

