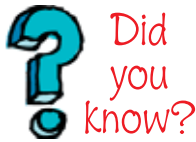


Ages and Stages of Reading

Ages 3-5:

LETTER KNOWLEDGE

At this age... Young children have active minds to observe and practice using letters and numbers, hear sounds in words, and notice details about print.



Did you know?

Letter knowledge is a strong predictor of reading success. Children should be able to easily identify 10 letters of the alphabet, and should be exposed to all 26, before entering kindergarten. Being able to hear sounds within words (such as beginning sounds or parts of words that rhyme) is another important skill.



Book Tip

Choose books with simple concepts like numbers, shapes or colors, as well as books that invite children to participate. Point out details about books, such as titles and authors' names. Books about animals or children are often favorites at this age.

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