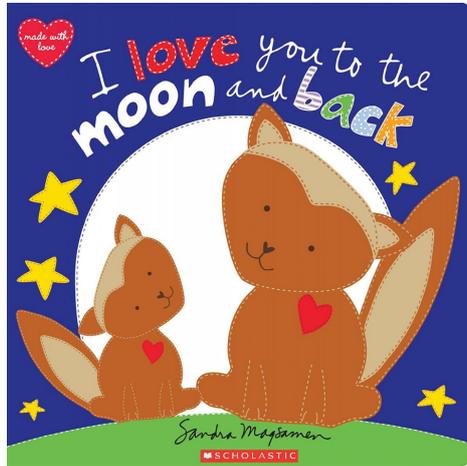


EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Recommended Age Group: Infant and Toddler



Book Highlight:

I Love You to the Moon and Back

By Sandra Magsamen

This sweet board book with rhyming text and pastel illustrations is the perfect way to remind little ones just how loved they are!

Questions to Ask While Reading

Asking questions while reading is a great way to support your child's learning. Ask questions that draw your child's attention to details in the story, encourage your child to make predictions, help your child understand new words, and support your child in recognizing similarities and differences between the story and their life. Try these out to get started!

Birth - 3 Years Old

What kind of animal is that?

Do you see any stars on this page? Show me!

What sound does that animal make?

How do you think they are feeling?

Who are the people who love you?

3 - 5 Years Old

How do you know someone loves you?

What dreams do you have for your life?

Tell me about some things you love doing together.

What do you think it means to discover something?

Activities to Keep Children Engaged

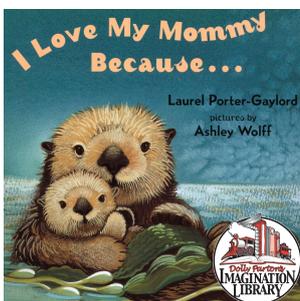


Scan to see a video of
*I Love You to the Moon
and Back* being read
by the author.

Foster a love of reading through fun activities!

- As you read, talk to your child about how you are using the book; holding the book upright, turning the pages, and looking at the illustrations. These are all pre-reading skills you are helping your child build! Depending on your child's age and development, you may encourage them to turn the pages and point out what they see on each page.
- Ask your child who they love. Tell your child who loves them. You can print photos of all of those people and put together a book for your child of all the people they love and who love them.
- Search for the hearts throughout the book. There is one page with no hearts; can your child find it? Which page has the most hearts?
- As you read, talk about the rhyming words and point to them in the book. Share other rhyming words with your child too.
- Draw a picture of you and your child together. You can write one of the phrases from the book to go along with it or come up with your own.

If your child likes this book, try these next!



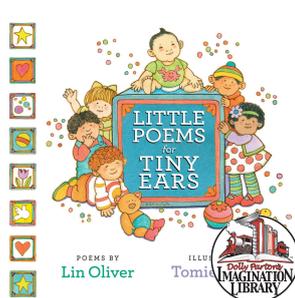
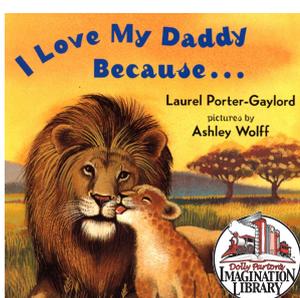
"The seeds of dreams are often found in books and the seeds you help plant in your community can grow across the world."
~ Dolly Parton

While you read, observe your child as they:

Recognize and enjoy reading familiar books.

Begin to understand the connection between books and personal experiences.

Show enjoyment of books and stories.



Don't receive books from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library? Scan the code to sign up so your child will receive one new book each month!

For additional resources about reading with your child visit tncrr.org and click on 'Resources.'