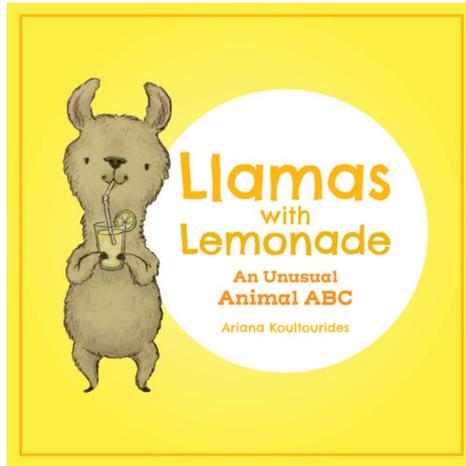


EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Recommended Age Group: Infant and Toddler



Book Highlight:

Llamas with Lemonade

By Ariana Koultourides

Introducing a delightful animal-themed ABC book that will have toddlers and caregivers grinning from A to Z. In addition to helping with letter recognition, Llamas with Lemonade introduces toddlers to uppercase and lowercase letters, and to alliteration. The adorable parade of animals and their often-unusual objects helps little ones build their vocabulary.

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 animal do you see?

Do you see a giraffe wearing glasses? Show me!

What is the animal doing?

Which letter does your name start with?

3 - 5 Years Old

Which letter is that?

Which words on the page start with (letter)?

Do you know any other words that start with (letter)?

Activities to Keep Children Engaged



Scan to see a video of
Llamas with Lemonade
being read.

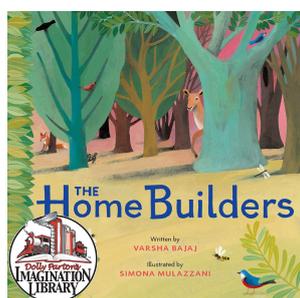
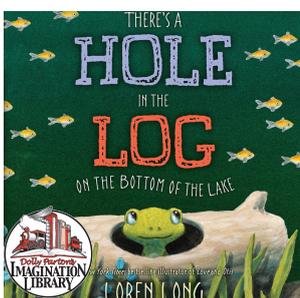
Foster a love of reading through fun activities!

- 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.
- Come up with your own alliterations (words that begin with the same sound) based on your child's name. For example, instead of 'a pig with a pie' you could say 'Penny with a petal'. You could play this game for as long as your child is interested, and even make your own book!
- After you've read the book a few times, begin sharing about which letter people's names begin with. Focus on people who your child knows well.
- Go on an animal hunt! See how many of the animals in the book you and your child can find in their toys or other books.
- Next time you read the book, you can help your child learn more about the letters by making the sound of the letter after you say its name or asking your child to trace the letter with their finger.

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:

Begin to recite from memory familiar books.

Listen with understanding and interest to conversations, directions, music and a variety of reading materials.

Demonstrate interest in books and what they contain.



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.'