



# The Book Crew For All Ages—Kids Making Reading Fun

What is the success of an avid child reader .... it starts at birth, and it starts with you. Making reading fun for children is a key component in their reading success. Parents are encouraged to start early in their child's life to promote the love of reading. There are many ways parents can promote reading strategies and activities. How do you do that ... make it fun with voice over's regular visits to the library or book store.

## Birth to Preschool

1. Vision: Most babies focus on letters & words; make words available in your house to your child. Take a 3x5 index card and print a word on the card that corresponds with a household item. For example: Place words on refrigerator, place big letters and words in their bedrooms. This allows the child to recognize the word and associate it with the object.
2. Have quite time to dedicate to read stories before bedtime, Saturday afternoon story time. Do: Be a good role model at home, read together. Your children respect you and want to be like you. If they see you reading, they will tend to model that. The more often they see you reading, the more often your children have the reading process on their minds.
3. Home Library: If you haven't already, start a home library. Pick a special place in your home to create your library, maybe on a shelf in your children's room or maybe in a reading nook. Make sure all of the titles of the books are visible to your children. Teach them how to respect books and how to put the books back on the shelf properly.
4. Sight Words- this works the same way you taught your child to speak
  - Be patient
  - Repeat often
  - Encourage
  - Make it fun
  - Congratulate

Sight words are words that can be easily recognized for a beginning reader. For example: mom, dad, the, and the child's name are all sight words. Even though the child may not be able to read yet, he should have a working list of recognizable words, or sight words. Create a list of sight words for each child.



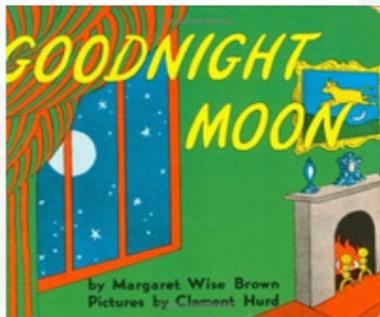
# The Book Crew For All Ages—Kids Read With Your Child

You can't start too early. You can't read too much. Reading to young children nurtures an interest in language, words and communication. For older kids, reading together can be fun and interesting. Consider reading one book together every month aloud. Take turns reading pages, chapters or major sections of the book. As this activity becomes a routine, it will not only help develop your child's reading skills, but will also create a basis for ongoing dialogue and discussion. Have a book club at home choose a novel—set a date to review & discuss it. This is great for any age.

Books at:

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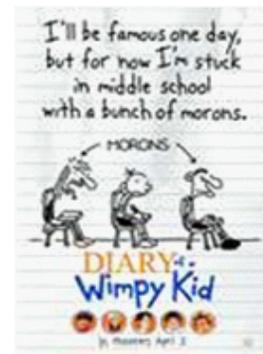
Preschool



Big Kids



Tween



The Pampered  
Kids Company  
... let us spoil 'em



# The Book Crew For All Ages—Kids Get Kids Reading

Kids have a natural creative "bent", so why not use that to fuel a lifelong love of reading? Sit down together on a weekend afternoon and spend 30 minutes to an hour writing and illustrating a book composed by the two of you. Not only is this a great way to pass the time, it's also a terrific means of helping your child learn to read.

- Encourage your child to build his or her own library.
- Read together regularly
- Write Books Together



## HERE IS A COOL GAME RECOGNIZING WORDS

Everyone in the car is assigned a letter and as you pass signs you call out the word. To keep everyone interested, you can gain points by finding other people words. (Using your components assigned letters.)