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## **LITERACY LETTER 3: READING TIPS TO BUILD A LOVE OF READING**

### **1. ENJOY RHYTHM!**

Early readers love **books that rhyme!** Rhymes engage children, are playful and fun and keep their attention. Once you have read a book a few times, stop the story and have your child fill in the rhyming word.

### **2. MAKE CONNECTIONS!**

As you read to your child, they will begin to **connect the story** with other things you've read together, such as friends, pets or animals, places you have visited etc. When this happens, stop reading and listen to the story they tell. Have a conversation all about it with them!

### **3. DON'T WORRY ABOUT REPETITION!**

Do not worry if your child picks the same book over and over again. This is perfectly normal. And while variety in reading is important, so is repetition. The more children hear the same story, the more familiar the words in the story become. This will also build their confidence when they are able to **read the words faster themselves.**

### **4. ANTICIPATION IS FUN!**

Before turning a book's page, ask your child "What do you think will happen next?" When you find out, talk about it and have fun with it. This builds the ability to predict which keeps your child engaged and connected to the story. Your child learns the skills of reflection, refining their findings and revision.

### **GOOD RHYMING BOOKS:**

- <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/27-beloved-rhyming-books-for-kids>
- <https://fun-a-day.com/rhyming-books/>
- <https://www.themeasuredmom.com/best-rhyming-books-for-kids-ages-5>

