

Educators helping children learn to read & write easily.

Children's Books & Educational Toys that Teach

Learning is not a race, but a journey to savor.

Nationwide 55% of children start kindergarten without the most basic literacy & number knowledge. This often causes the child to be in a “catch-up game” that impacts self-esteem and academic success. ABC's for Literacy suggests 5 children's books & 3 educational puzzles that easily build basic literacy & math skills. Optimally every child would own at least these books & puzzles, but realistically, not every child will have that opportunity. Ask supporting community members like schools, doctors, dentists, libraries, & daycares to help improve the nationwide statistic by purchasing items listed below to have available for children & parents to check out or use in waiting rooms. [Share this list.](#) Let's learn together!

PRINT TO PUT IN EACH BOOK: The children's books recommended are great sight word teaching tools as well very fun to read. The sight words that each book teaches are listed with that book on our website. Play “I spy” with common sight words that are repetitious in the text of the book. To play, write a sight word, such as “go”, on a post-it note and let the child look at the written sight word while searching the text for that word on every page of the book before or after that page of the story is read. The sight word and repetitious language are hooks that draws a child into the reading the book. If your child is not interested, wait a week or two and try again. Soon, your child will be reading the story. © [abcsforliteracy.com](#)

Hint: Write the sight word on the post-is as similar to the word in the text of the book as possible to not confuse the child. For example, use all lower case letters if that is how it is in the book. Or print out the sight words at [abcsforliteracy.com](#) & cut into sight word cards to include in the proper book.



Literacy starts & ends with books! Suggested children’s books & educational toys:

Melissa & Doug Upper & Lower Case Puzzle [Melissa n Doug 47 Upper &...](#) [From \\$18.87](#)

Learn to Count Puzzle from **Sensational Beginnings** \$14.95

Melissa & Doug Self-Correcting Number Puzzle \$12.95

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? (Martin Jr.) [Board Book \\$9.35](#)

Teaches colors & sight words: I, see, a, at, me, do, you, we (2)

Bark, George (Feiffer) [Hardcover \\$11.91](#)

Teaches prediction, sequencing & sight words: no, go, the, and, a, said, of

The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Carle) [Hardcover \\$5.75](#)

Teaches sequencing & sight words: he, the, but, was, a, on

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (Martin Jr.) [Hardcover \\$11.24](#)

Teaches letters & sight words: and, on, you, at, the, said, to, will, no, is, of, like (1)

Hop on Pop (Seuss) [Hardcover \\$6.83](#)

Teaches rhyme awareness & to pay attention to sound

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