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# Reading Matters



\*\*Information and tips to help make reading relevant



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As of 2020, less than 30% of  
students (9 & 13 year olds),  
regardless of race,  
socioeconomic class, or  
access to materials, read for  
enjoyment.

— The National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance



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# Birth to Five







# Where do I begin?

## Birth-5

Reading development begins at birth! This is the most critical stage of early childhood learning. Why?

- Physical
- Emotional
- Social
- Educational
  - Pre-reading
  - Vocabulary
  - Oral language development

Early reading skills are directly correlated to a child's reading and writing success.

★Start EARLY!★

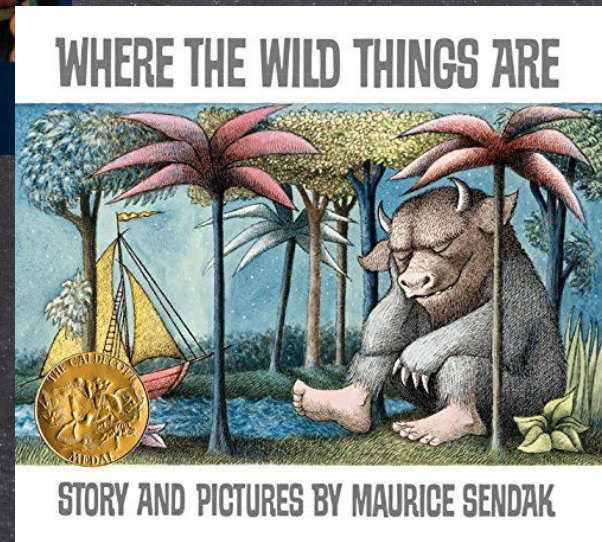
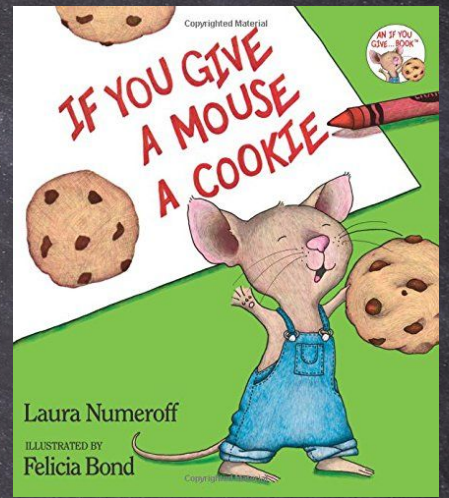
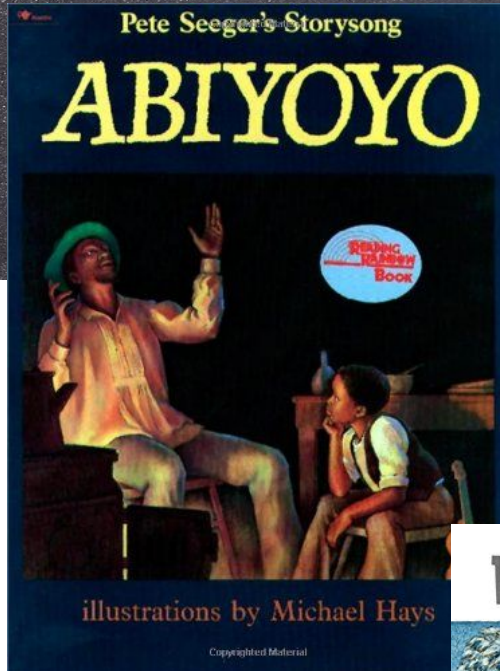
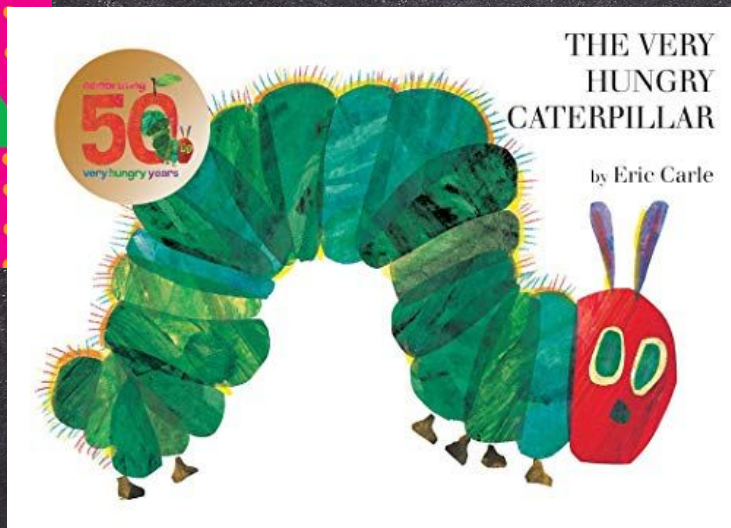
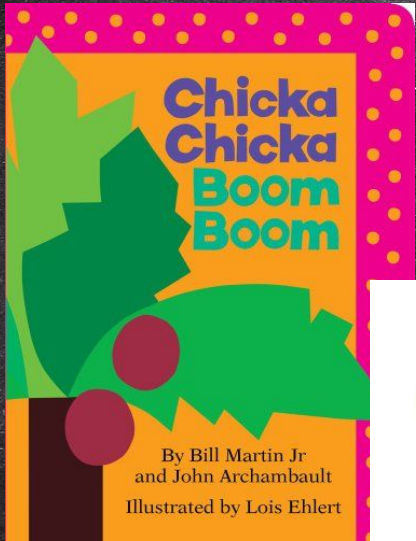
Letter recognition is a critical step in helping children identify letters and letter sounds. This is another crucial area of mastery in order to be a successful reader.

## Phonological Awareness

- ☒ Speaking & Listening
- ☒ Rhyming
- ☒ Alliteration
- ☒ Word Awareness
- ☒ Syllables



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



# Recommended Reads





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# Elementary School







# Elementary Reading

Elementary students begin to move from learning to read (K-2) to reading to learn (3-5).

A big transition happens in 3rd grade, as students begin to transition from phonics skills that help them learn to read over to comprehension, vocabulary, and writing skills. \*\*

## The "Big Five"

- ☒ Phonemic Awareness
- ☒ Comprehension
- ☒ Fluency
- ☒ Writing
- ☒ Vocabulary





# Did you know?

In 2000, studies showed that the average student spent 38 hours of their time *outside* of school engaged in some other type of media (TV, internet, etc).

\*Taking back one hour of that time per day to engage in reading or other learning activities equals 7 hours per week, 28 hours per month, and 336 hours per year!





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# Middle School & Beyond





# Adolescent Reading

## Reading in the real world



- As children transition into middle and high school, their love and appreciation for reading can decline while the demands for reading in specific content areas often increases.
- It's vital that students understand how reading is experienced in the real world, especially as they consider what college or career they will pursue after high school.
- Birth-to-five and elementary school reading experiences will heavily influence how successful students will read at this stage. Students who are proficient in reading are more likely to finish high school.



# Adolescent Reading

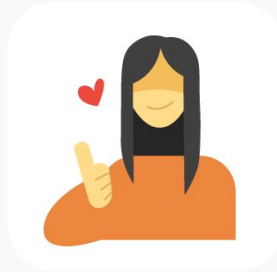
Help students develop these skills at home!



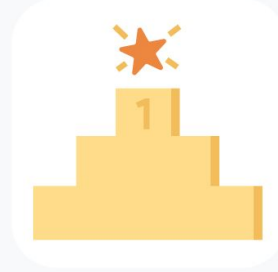
## The Top 10 Soft Skills



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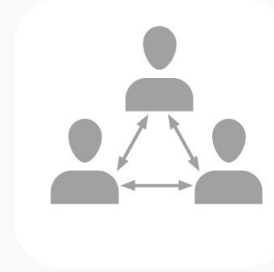
Self-motivation



Leadership



Responsibility



Teamwork



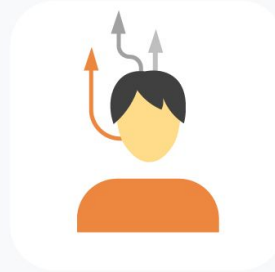
Problem solving



Decisiveness



Ability to Work  
Under Pressure  
and Time Management



Flexibility

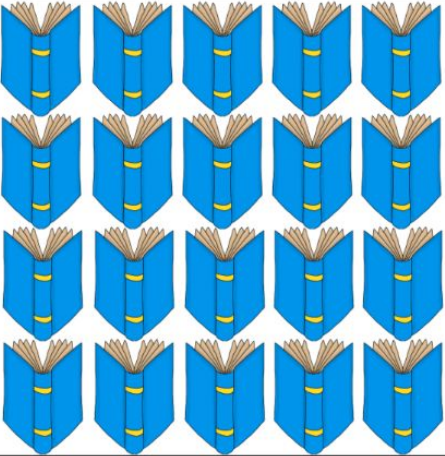




Negotiation  
and Conflict Resolution

**\*\*Soft skills are  
general attributes  
needed for job  
success.**



# WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

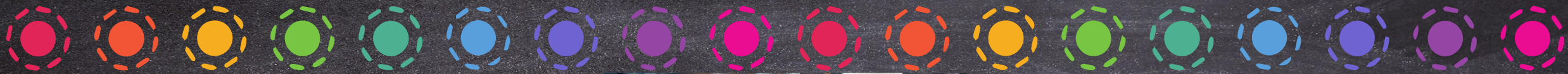
If a student starts reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

**Want to be a better reader? Simply read.**

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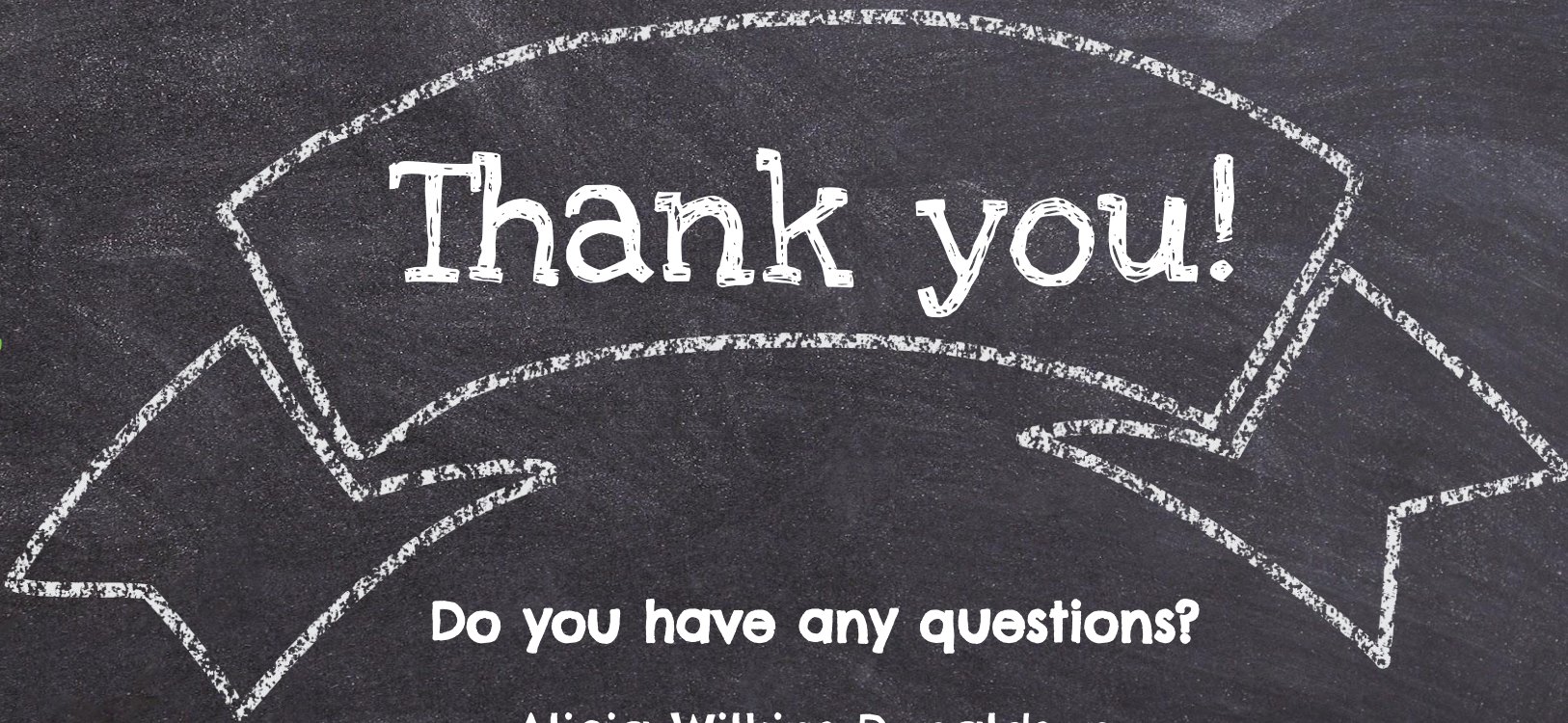




# How do I get my child to love reading?

- \*Show them that reading is everywhere.
- \*Read with them and to them often. (At least 20 minutes a day)
- \*Model the importance of reading and stay positive!
- \*Change the setting or how they are allowed to read at home.
- \*Mix it up and give them choice.
- \*Encourage them to keep practicing!





Do you have any questions?

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