



Strong Start to reading™
"Making a difference in the life of a child"

Start With A Book

When you start with a book you give your child a sense of story, an understanding that the written word communicates a message. Reading to your child shows them how a story unfolds. Reading with your child supports their own learning of the skills needed to be able to read by themselves. When you start with a book, you can embed the learning in the context of the story.

When you start with a book...

- a child learns that a story has a beginning, middle and end.
- a child learns that non-fiction books are made up of facts about the world.
- a child learns about the writer's craft and how to become a writer themselves.



When you start with a book...

- learning letters, sounds and words makes more sense.
- your child can pick out letters or sounds or words they already know from the pages.
- you can point out one or two new letters, sounds or words and then reinforce them using the games and activities in this resource.

When you start with a book...

- you can talk about what your child thinks may happen next, what they see as they make a picture in their minds, how they can connect the story to their own lives or other books you have read together.
- a whole new world of adventure opens up for your child...and you!



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Learning Styles

People learn in different ways. We all have some favourite ways in which we learn best. When you think about the learning style of your child as you play with them, you may find that there are certain activities that your child enjoys more than others.

Let's see why...

- Connecting to your child's learning style can increase their ability to learn the skill that is a focus of the game or activity you are playing.
- Connecting to your child's learning style helps them to remember information and develop a deeper understanding of the world.
- Some of us learn best by seeing things, others by hearing and still others by doing.
- Some children learn best through music while others learn best outdoors or when using natural materials.

Let's get started...

- Verbal/Linguistic: I like to talk and read, have things explained to me, and listen to stories.
- Logical/Mathematical: I like to solve problems and puzzles, create things, and I am good at math.
- Visual/Spatial: I like to draw and paint, solve jigsaw puzzles, and create maps and cartoons.
- Bodily/Kinesthetic: I like to move! I am curious and like to participate in sports and being active. I like to be touching and moving things with my hands.
- Musical/Rhythmic: I like to sing and hum, and I work better when I listen to music.
- Naturalist: I like to be outside and I notice a lot of information about the natural world.

Choose learning games and activities that your child enjoys and watch their confidence grow!

