

# 3 Years



**Make reading and writing a part of every day.**

**Toddlers like to hear stories over and over and over and over again.**

**Three-year-olds may be able to guess** what the characters will do next. Talk about the story!

**While you are reading a book** some three-year olds may run, hop, jump, or stand on one leg!

**Three-year-olds like to write, scribble and draw.** Have paper, pencils, crayons and markers where they are easy to reach.

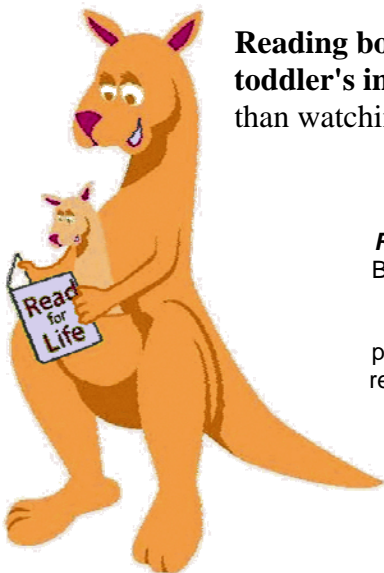
**Three-year-olds like to pretend** to read their own books.

**Some three-year-olds can remember nursery rhymes** and fill in words or phrases in favorite books.

**Let your toddler see you reading** - the mail, a newspaper, a catalog, a cookbook, or a novel. Buy books when possible - yard sales and library book sales are good places for bargains.

**Reading books exercises your toddler's imagination** more than watching TV.

*Read for Life* is a Family Based literacy program in Tulare County that encourages parents to provide the foundation for reading beginning at birth.  
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**Visit your local library and bookstore** as often as possible. Attend storytimes wherever they are given.

**Choose books with:**

- lots of conversations between characters
- friendships between characters
- humor

**Let your child help you select books.**

**Some good books for a three-year-old:**

*Each Peach Pear Plum*  
by Janet Ahlberg

*Where the Wild Things Are*  
by Maurice Sendak

*All the Colors of the Earth*  
by Sheila Hamanaka

*Grandma's Purple Flowers*  
by Adjoa Burrowes

*Corduroy*  
by Don Freeman

*The Little Red Hen*  
by Margot Zemach

*Can You Top That?*  
by W. Nikola-Lisa

*The Carrot Seed*  
by Ruth Krauss

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*  
by Eric Carle

*Stella and Roy Go Camping*  
by Ashley Wolff

*A House is a House for Me*  
by Mary Ann Hoberman

