

# Summer Reading Challenge Tracker

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## Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)

✓	BOOK	ACTIVITY
	<i>Quiet LOUD</i> by Leslie Patricelli	Change your tone from a soft whisper to a cheerful loud one while reading the story. Show your baby the difference between volumes by tapping a soft object and then a hard one to see how they react.
	<i>Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes</i> by Mem Fox	As you read the book, slowly count and kiss each of your baby's fingers and toes. This helps them feel and learn about their own body through your touch.
	<i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> by Michael Rosen	Read this book together while sitting on the grass or a textured rug. Gently pat your hands on the ground to mimic the "swish-swash" sounds of the grass or the "squelch-squerch" of the mud.
	<i>Baby Says</i> by John Steptoe	Pause after each page and look at your baby's face. Wait for them to make a sound, smile or wiggle. Copy what they do to show them you're "talking" together.
	<i>You Are My Sunshine</i> by Jimmie Davis	Hold your baby close and sway slowly to the rhythm of the words. Letting them feel the steady "beat" of your body helps them feel calm and connected to the story.
	<i>"More More More," Said the Baby</i> by Vera B. Williams	Give your baby a gentle tummy tickle or a zoom through the air, then stop. Wait for them to react before doing it again. This helps them understand "more." Teach them the sign for "more" by pressing your fingertips to your thumbs and tapping both hands together a few times like a puppet's mouth.
	<i>Carry Me (Babies Everywhere)</i> by Rena D. Grossman	As you look at the photos of babies being carried, gently guide your baby's hand to touch the faces in the book. Name the different ways the babies are being held, like "in a wrap" or "on a back."
	<i>Everywhere Babies</i> by Susan Meyers	While looking at the illustrations of babies playing, eating and sleeping, gently point to your baby's nose, hands or tummy. This helps your baby understand they're a baby, too, just like the ones in the book.
	<i>Little Gorilla</i> by Ruth Bornstein	Snuggle up for a "big gorilla hug." Let your baby rest their ear against your chest so they can hear and feel your heartbeat. This helps them feel safe and loved while you read.

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## Toddler (12-24 months)

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	<i>Where is the Green Sheep?</i> by Mem Fox	Find a nearby item that matches colors in the book. Let your toddler touch it and talk about how it feels — is it smooth, fuzzy or bumpy?
	<i>Hug</i> by Jez Alborough	Grab a favorite stuffed animal. Practice giving gentle hugs or high fives. Talk about how the stuffy might feel happy to get a hug just like the animals in the book.
	<i>I Love You Through and Through</i> by Bernadette Rossetti-Shustak	As you read about hair, eyes or toes, gently touch those parts on your toddler. Then ask them to find your nose or your ears!
	<i>Making Faces: A First Book of Emotions</i> by Abrams Appleseed	Sit together by a mirror. Practice making happy, sad or surprised faces from the book. Ask your toddler, "Can you show me your happy face?"
	<i>Baby Beluga</i> by Raffi	Fill a small container or bin with water. As you sing the song, let your toddler splash and play to make waves like the little white whale.
	<i>Calm-Down Time</i> by Elizabeth Verdick	Sit on a soft blanket. Practice "blowing out the candles" by taking a deep breath in through your nose and blowing out through your mouth to help relax your bodies.
	<i>Good Night, Gorilla</i> by Peggy Rathmann	In a dimmed room, use a flashlight to make shapes on the wall. Encourage your toddler to follow the light just like the Gorilla follows the zookeeper.
	<i>Little Blue Truck</i> by Alice Schertle	Fill a tray or baking pan with a little flour, dirt or sand. Let your toddler roll toy trucks through it to see the tracks and patterns the wheels leave behind.
	<i>Happy Hippo, Angry Duck</i> by Sandra Boynton	Act out the animals! Stomp your feet like a grumpy hippo or waddle like a happy duck to show how our bodies move when we feel different emotions.

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## Twos and Bridge (2-3 years)

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	<i>Can I Give You a Squish?</i> by Emily Neilson	Find a soft pillow and a hard wooden spoon. Ask your child, "Does the spoon want a squish?" Let them try to squeeze both and talk about which one gives and which one stays firm.
	<i>I Like It When...</i> by Mary Murphy	Look at photos on your phone or in an album of your child playing. Say, "I like it when you splash!" or "I like it when we hold hands."
	<i>I Like Myself</i> by Karen Beaumont	Stand with your child in front of a mirror. Talk about what you like about yourself, "I like how strong my legs are because I can run and play with you!" Then ask, "What can your strong arms do?" to help them notice and celebrate their own body.
	<i>Little Blue and Little Yellow</i> by Leo Lionni	Put a squirt of blue and yellow paint (or non-toxic baby bath foam with food coloring) in a zip-top bag. Tape it to a table and let them mash the colors together to make green.
	<i>Little Monkey Calms Down</i> by Michael Dahl	Ask your child, "What feels soft like Little Monkey's blanket?" Help them find one or two calm down items to keep in a special corner for when big feelings arise.
	<i>Little Tiger Picks Up</i> by Michael Dahl	Spread out a few different toys (blocks, cars and books). Ask your child to help you find a home for each one. Say, "Where do the blocks sleep?" as they put them away.
	<i>No Matter What</i> by Debi Gliori	Find two things that go together like a shoe and a sock. Talk about how they stay together to do a job, just like how you and your child stay connected no matter what.
	<i>Llama Llama Misses Mama</i> by Anna Dewdney	Cut out two small paper hearts for your child to decorate. Keep one in your pocket and give the other to your child to keep. Throughout the day, encourage them to touch the heart to send a hug to you. This helps them know they can stay connected to family even when they're apart.
	<i>When We Are Kind</i> by Monique Gray Smith	Give your child a watering can to water plants or ask them to fill a pet's water bowl. Talk about how their gentle touch helps another living thing grow.

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## Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten (3-5 years)

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	<i>Only One You</i> by Linda Kranz	Find a smooth rock or leaf with your child and talk about its special shape or color. Then give them markers or paint so they can add a pattern that represents something they love about themselves.
	<i>The Boy with Big, Big Feelings</i> by Britney Winn Lee	As you read, pause when the boy feels something big. Ask, "Where do you feel that in your body?" When your child points to their tummy, chest or head ask them to make a face that matches the feeling.
	<i>Jabari Tries</i> by Gaia Cornwall	Gather found objects like cardboard, paperclips or rubber bands. Try to build a little machine together. If a piece falls or doesn't fit, say, "Let's try it a different way," just like Jabari.
	<i>I Can Handle It</i> by Laurie Wright	After reading the book, ask your child about things that frustrate them. Then help them come up with one "I can" statement (like "I can take a breath").
	<i>The Magical Yet</i> by Angela DiTerlizzi	Find something in the house your child can't quite do yet (like tying a shoe or zipping a jacket). Take a photo of them practicing and put it on the fridge with a note that says "yet" to celebrate their hard work.
	<i>Three Cheers for Tacky</i> by Helen Lester	Tacky the penguin loves being different! Work together to invent a silly handshake or a Tacky cheer to celebrate what makes your family unique.
	<i>Every Night is Pizza Night</i> by J. Kenji López-Alt	Talk about your favorite foods. During mealtimes, encourage your child to describe their food. Ask, "Is it crunchy? Sweet? Why is this your favorite?"
	<i>Catching Thoughts</i> by Bonnie Clark	Blow bubbles outside. Pretend each bubble is a thought. Have your child catch the happy thoughts with their hands and blow away the sticky or bothersome thoughts with a big puff of air.
	<i>ONE</i> by Kathryn Otoshi	Use two different colors of paint or food coloring in water. Watch what happens when just one drop of a new color joins the other. Ask, "How did that one little drop change everything?"