



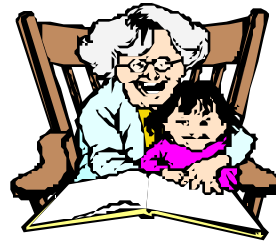
Learning to read starts early -- right at home. Your child needs your help to learn to read. One of the best ways to help your child become a reader is by *reading together*. Reading Wizards B is the second in a series of bulletins for parents of beginning readers. As before, we will give you some tips for reading to your children as well as some fun activities to try based on Dr. Seuss's books.



- Before you start a book, talk about its cover. What things does your child see? Does he think that these things will also be in the pictures inside? Read the title, pointing to the words as you go.



- Be dramatic when you read to your child! This will make reading time more exciting and keep your child interested in the story. Give the characters different voices. Do sound effects--if you're reading about a car, make the "vroom-vroom" noise of an engine.
- As you read, point out the pictures to your child. Talk about them. Ask your child what he or she thinks about the drawings. What is happening in the picture? Do the characters look happy? Sad?



- Reading to the kids is a great activity for moms and dads to do with their children. Other adults, like grandparents, can also read to the kids.



Try reading Dr. Seuss's book *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*. After you've read the book, try this game:

- This book has lots of silly rhymes in it! Try making your own silly rhyming book with your child. You will need:



- magazine or catalog with colorful pictures
- children's safety scissors
- glue stick
- stapler
- drawing paper
- crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- dice

Together with your child make a book of his or her own. First, help your child her or him to staple together some sheets of paper.



Make a cover for the book with crayons or markers. Give your child a magazine or catalog with lots of fun pictures. Ask her to cut out a picture for each page of the book. Glue the pictures to the pages. Help her write the object's name under the picture. When all the pages have pictures pasted on them, turn to the first page of the book to start to add the words to make a rhyming-word book.



Roll the die to determine how many rhyming words must be written under each picture. The rhyming words can be real or silly words. If there is a picture of a book, you can write "look," "hook," "nook," "plook," and so on. Keep taking turns and playing the game until all the pages have been filled. Then read all your silly rhymes out loud together!

### About Reading Wizards:

*Reading Wizards* is a series of bulletins on reading with children. Bulletins A through D are designed for parents of children as young as 2 years old and include activities based on Dr. Seuss books. Bulletins 1-6, based on the Harry Potter book series, were created for parents with children between the ages of 5 and 12. The bulletins will include tips on how to make the most of reading time with your children, as well as activities for you and your child to do together.

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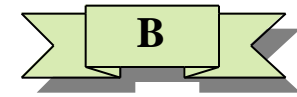
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