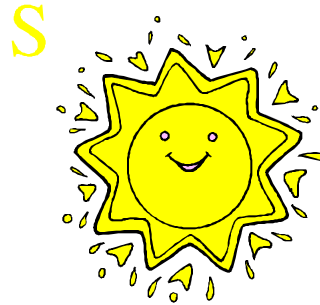


Hello,
This is the third in a series of bulletins on reading to children. The bulletins are for parents of developing readers. Each bulletin gives ideas on how to make the most of reading with your child. They also include fun activities based on Dr. Seuss books.



When learning to read, your child needs your help! Reading aloud to your child every day is important. Reading together will help your child learn to read and enjoy reading. Here are some ways to work on reading even when you're not actually looking at a book:

- Buy alphabet letter magnets for your refrigerator. Spell out messages for your child. Help your child spell out words of his or her own.

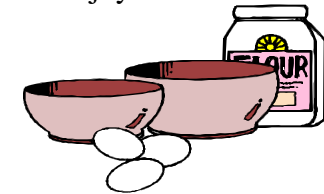


- Play "Let's find everything in the house that starts with the letter S. (Or any other letter you choose)."



- Recite poems and nursery rhymes. Sing songs. Play rhyming games with your child.

Work on reading in the kitchen! Children of all ages love to help out in the kitchen--mixing, measuring, or pouring. When you cook with your child, read the recipe aloud together. Read the labels on the ingredients you put in. After you've read Dr. Seuss's book *Green Eggs and Ham*, try making green foods of your own. Just add a few drops of green food coloring to a recipe. Here is a recipe to try for green chocolate chip cookies. Your whole family will enjoy them!



Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter flavored shortening
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- Few drops green food coloring
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk chocolate chips

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets with margarine.
2. Place butter flavored shortening, brown sugar, white sugar, and green food coloring in a large bowl. Mix until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well. Next, stir in the vanilla. In another bowl mix the flour, baking soda, and salt. Slowly stir the butter mixture into the bowl of dry ingredients. Finally, add the chocolate chips. Do not eat the uncooked cookie dough. Drop spoonfuls onto the greased cookie sheets.
3. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, until light brown. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. Eat and enjoy!



About Reading Wizards:

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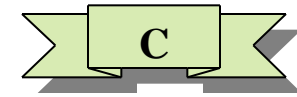
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