

Growing Readers

READY TO READ

For over 20 years, **Bright Horizons**® has shared high-quality children's book recommendations with families, children, and teachers through our Growing Readers program.

Now, we're bringing **Growing Readers: Ready to Read** — our new curriculum supplement — into our classrooms!

It's designed to support pre-reading and reading skills for children in preschool, kindergarten prep, and kindergarten, but it builds on language experiences that we provide in the infant and toddler years.

Growing Readers: Ready to Read is based on three components that young children need in order to thrive as readers:



1. Joy

Infants develop a sense of joy for all that reading provides through language-rich relationships with trusted adults. Daily reading creates a foundation for a lifelong love of reading.



2. Confidence

Toddlers need easy access to books – to handle, use, and interact with – to learn about book knowledge and print concepts. Relaxed reading experiences foster independence.



3. Skills

Preschoolers are ready to learn strategies for lifelong reading; these must include book, technical, and content knowledge.

We connect Growing Readers books to strategic literacy concepts and provide a wide variety of other language experiences to prepare children for reading joy and success.

BUILDING EARLY READING SKILLS

All Growing Readers: Ready to Read experiences include age-appropriate instruction in...

Book Knowledge

Children learn to care for and handle books; as children grow, they learn the parts of a book, about the title and author, and more.

Technical Knowledge

Children become aware of letters, gain an understanding of the sounds they make, learn speech-sound correspondence, and enjoy the written word.

Content Knowledge

Children increase their vocabulary, comprehend text, retell stories, make predictions, and create books of their own.