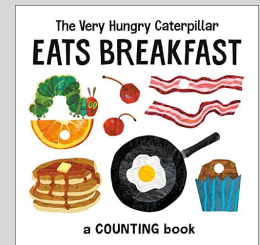




The Very Hungry Caterpillar Eats Breakfast

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own. To help make story time more interactive consider using the PEER method described below. Read more about the PEER method [here](#).

PEER

PROMPT

Prompt your child with a question. This will help your child engage more deeply with the book.

Example: Point to an object in the picture. "What is that?"

EVALUATE

Evaluate your child's response by agreeing or clarifying.

Example: "That's right! That's a balloon."

EXPAND

Expand on your child's response by connecting it to something they have experienced or by being more descriptive.

Example: "That's a big, red balloon! We saw one of those yesterday."

REPEAT

Repeat the prompt you started with and encourage your child to use what you've discussed to answer again.

Activities

- » During Reading: Work with your child to count the objects on each page as the numbers progress throughout the story. Encourage them to point to each object while they count.
- » Painted Toast: Help build fine motor skills and make breakfast fun by letting your child paint their toast before eating. You'll need white bread, milk, and food coloring. You can find the recipe [here](#).
- » My Favorite Foods: Talk with your child about the different foods the caterpillar ate for breakfast and ask them to share their favorite foods with you. Discuss a food that you read about in the book and don't typically eat. Work with child to make that food and then try it together.
- » Counting Hunt: Work with your child on counting objects by asking them to find different items around your house. For example, say, "Let's count to four. Can you find four crayons?" Continue this activity with numbers one through ten.

