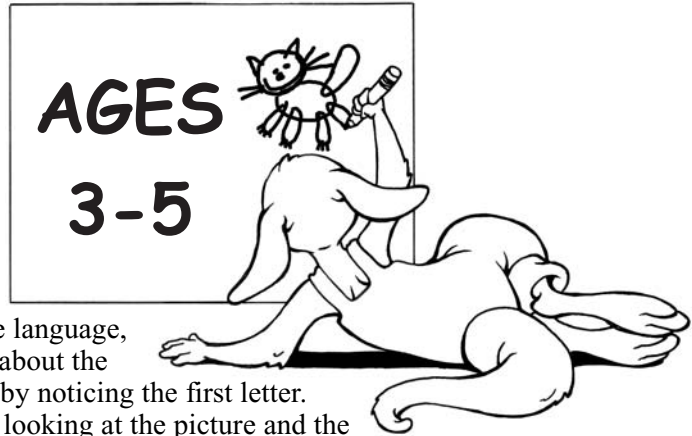


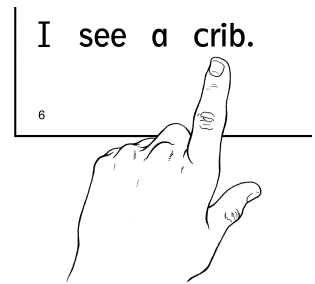
The KEEP BOOKS your child is bringing home are the easiest young children can have. They have only one or two lines of print and lots of repeated language. These books will help your child learn how print works. He or she will learn to go left to right and to point at the words to help learn that one spoken word matches one group of letters.

It is alright for children to read these books over and over. They will remember some of the language, but they will also notice very important things about the print. They can learn to check on their reading by noticing the first letter. Children will learn how to figure out words by looking at the picture and the print. They will also learn some easy words.



Reading KEEP BOOKS With Your Child

- Read the book to your child first. Point crisply under the words as you read. You can point without making the reading choppy. Be sure that both you and your child can clearly see the words.
- Invite your child to talk about the pictures. Point out the picture and the word that goes with it.
- The second time, invite your child to join in on the reading. Keep talking about the pictures and the story!
- If you see anything in the book that reminds you of your own family and their experiences, point it out and invite your child to talk about it.
- After a few times, let your child read the book. Keep supporting the reading. Make it fun!



More Learning

- Let your child color the pictures using colored pencils so the coloring won't show through. Make sure he/she does not color on the words!
- When your child is very familiar with a book, you can say: "What would you see at the beginning of the word *crib*. Find the word *crib* with your pointing finger." Show your child how to point, right under the word. Help your child notice the first letter.
- If you have magnetic letters, have your child make some of the words in a book. Having magnetic letters in both upper and lower cases is suggested to ensure your child begins using them appropriately.



Blank KEEP BOOKS (My Own KEEP BOOKS®)

You can make little books like these with your child. Cut pictures out of magazines or grocery ads. Make the sentences very simple and repeat the pattern, like the ones in the KEEP BOOKS. The words should be written on one page and the pictures should be placed on the facing page. Make sure to use capital and lowercase letters, the way they are in the books.

For more information about KEEP BOOKS, visit us at www.keepbooks.org!