



# Reading Box

## 4 years to 5 years

**Objective:** The child builds early reading skills by participating in a variety of ways to tell, read, and hear a story.

### Materials needed:

Reading Box Chart (print from resources page)  
Brown paper bag OR Ziploc bag

### Procedures:

1. Cut out the reading box cards individually.  
Place all of them in a brown paper bag or Ziploc bag.
2. Pull one card out. Read it to yourself, then do with your child. Such as: If the card says, "read a story outside together", then get an easy reader book that is interesting to your child, go outside in a shady spot, and read it together.
3. Do it again! Pull out a card, and read a story to your child in the way it describes.



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4. You can continue this "reading box" idea throughout the month, or any month any day, as a way to diversify reading with your child and to make reading fun!

5. While reading each story, remember to build higher-order thinking skills in your child by asking open-ended questions. Such as: "What do you notice on this page happening?", "How does that make you feel?", "If you were the character, what would you do?", "What do you think is going to happen next?"

### **Milestones to meet:**

The child builds early reading skills and language development by hearing and looking at stories. The child can say words of pictures they recognize in a story. The child can answer open-ended questions using their words and own thoughts.

### **Evaluation:**

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?