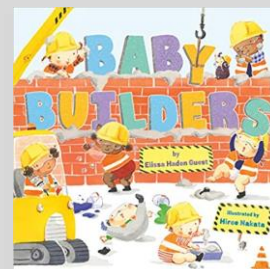




Baby Builders

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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.

Read Aloud Tips

Read aloud every day

Establish a routine

Turn off all screens

Get comfy

Take time to look at the pictures

Read in silly voices

Explain new words

Let kids move around if they need to

Ask questions

Answer questions

Activities

- » Before Reading: Take a picture walk through the book and look at the illustrations pointing out the different items needed and used by builders.
- » During Reading: Talk about the different construction tools and equipment and model the noises they might make. Encourage your child to imitate you.
- » After Reading: Revisit the pages that describe what builders wear and point to and name the items again. Encourage your child to repeat the words and point to the pictures.
- » Sensory: Create a sensory experience using dirt and rocks. Collect construction toys for an interactive experience.
- » Pretend Play: Buy or make a builder's gear (hard hat, safety glasses, orange vest, boots etc.) Collect some large boxes for your little one to use as construction equipment.
- » Visit a Construction Site: Provide your child with the experience of seeing construction equipment and workers in action. Point out how each piece of equipment works and the noises they make.

