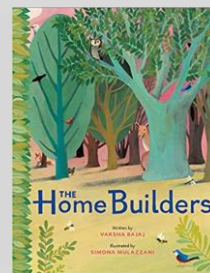




The Home Builders

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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 colorful illustrations pointing out familiar objects and animals.
- » During Reading: Point and name the animals on each page. Describe what the picture is showing. For example: In the last line of the first page it reads "Safe off the ground." It is describing the owl's home. You could say "The owl lives high in the tree."
- » After Reading: Let your child turn the pages and see if he/she stops on a certain page. Talk about what is happening on that page.
- » Sensory: Consider making a sensory bin for different animal habitats. This [site](#) is geared towards preschoolers, but the ideas can be adapted to make them safe for your little one.
- » Go on a Hike: Take a family hike and explore some trails. Point out the animals you see and describe the area using the same words that are in the story like mound, water, trail, grass, etc.
- » Animal Prints: Make an animal print sensory activity. Find pieces of fabric that might represent animal skin or fur. The different patterns and textures will be a big hit. If you have animal figures to match the fabric that's a bonus activity!

