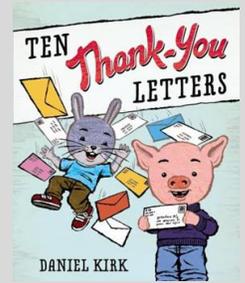




Max and the Tag-along Moon

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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.

Example: "Can you say big, red balloon?"

Activities

- » **After Reading:** Discuss why it is important to say thank you and how it makes your child feel when someone thanks them.
- » **Thank You Letters or Cards:** Help your child make a list of people they want to thank. Encourage them to either write a letter or make a card. Your child can tell you what to write and they can draw the pictures!
- » **Make a Thank You Jar:** Create a family thank you jar. You can create a routine of adding notes to the jar or let people add items as they wish. Choose a date to sit down as a family and read the cards together!
- » **Gratitude Scavenger Hunt:** Help your child identify things they are grateful for by going on a gratitude scavenger hunt. Use this [activity sheet](#) as a guide.

