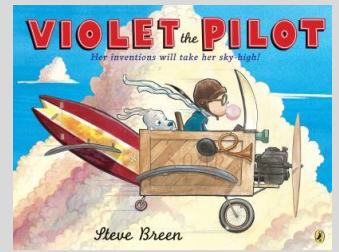




# VIOLET the PILOT

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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

- » **During Reading:** Ask your child if they have ever helped fix things or if they've ever built something new.
- » **Paper Airplanes:** Make different kinds of paper airplanes and fly them. [Here](#) are some patterns to guide your creations!
- » **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle:** Learn about what it means to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Talk to your child about each concept. This [website](#) provides information and activities as a guide.
- » **Become an Inventor:** Help your child collect items from around the house and let them create something new with it!

