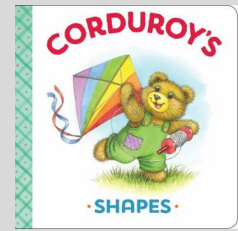




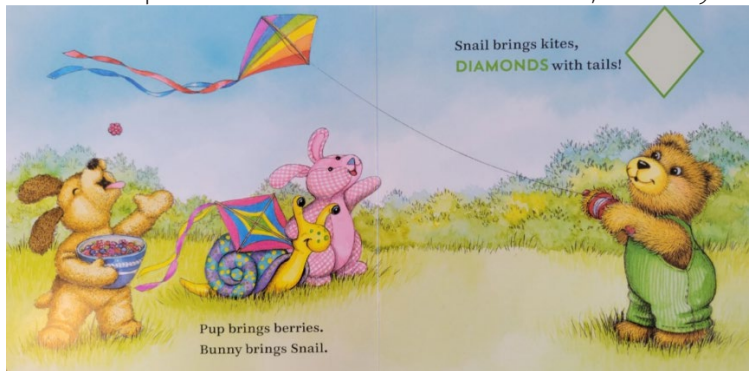
Corduroy's Shapes



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.

Conversations will help increase your child's oral language skills and build their vocabulary. C.A.R. is a conversation starter that you can use with your child any time.

Below is an example of how to use C.A.R. with the book, *Corduroy's Shapes*.



C.A.R.	Example
<p>C Comment and Wait (count to 5) *Make a comment about what you see on the page.</p>	<p>Adult: The dog is eating a berry (point to the dog). Child: Dog (might point to the dog instead of speaking or while they speak the word dog)</p>
<p>A Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) *Ask questions that do not have a "yes/no" or one-word answer to them.</p>	<p>Adult: Where is the bear? Child: Child may point to the bear.</p>
<p>R Respond by adding a little more to the child's response.</p>	<p>Adult: Yes, that's the bear (point to the bear). He's flying a kite (point to the kite).</p>

Activities

- » Shape Hunt: Go on a shape hunt around your house. Start with one shape and see how many you can find. When you find a shape, point to it and say its name several times.
- » Tactile Shapes: Make your own touch and feel shape cards by gluing pipe cleaners or yarn to cardboard. Model tracing the shapes with your finger and let your little one explore on their own!

