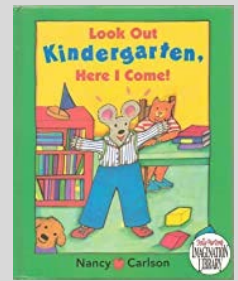




Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!

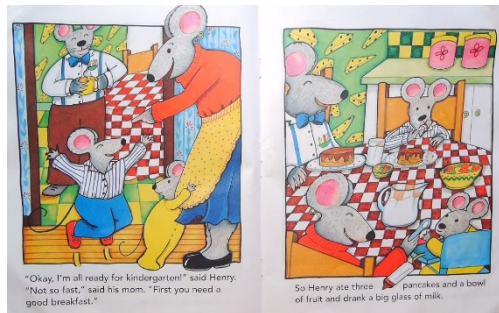
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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.

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, *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I come!*



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: Henry is so excited to go to school!</p> <p>Child: I am excited to go to school, too!</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: What about school are most excited about?</p> <p>Child: I get to ride a bus.</p>
<p>R Respond by adding a little more to the child's response.</p>	<p>Adult: School buses are a fun way to get to school. Some children get to school by walking or driving in their car, too.</p>

Activities

- » Play kindergarten: Take turns pretending to be in a kindergarten classroom with you as the student and your child as the teacher and vice versa.
- » Daily Routine: Talk about your child's daily routine. Have your child create a routine chart to support their developing independence.

