



Little Bitty Brown Mouse

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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.

Activities

- » Color Sorting: Gather a variety of objects from your home and place them in a pile. Ask your child to sort the objects by color.
- » During Reading: Allow your child to answer the questions in the story as you read. Make sure you practice wait time and allow them to answer on their own.
- » I Spy: Play a game of "I Spy" while focusing on specific colors. Say to your child, "I spy something yellow" and ask them to try and identify the object you see.
- » Paint Mixing: Provide your child with primary paint colors and allow them to explore mixing new colors together. Ask them to identify the new colors that they make.

