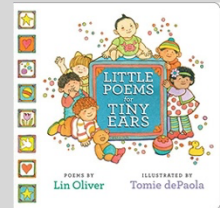




# Little Poems Tiny Ears

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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

- » Before Reading: Take a picture walk through the book and ask your child to identify objects they recognize.
- » During Reading: Encourage your child to imitate the actions found in each poem such as laughing, walking and waving.
- » Silly Reading: Allow your child to re-visit pages that they like the best. Re-read their favorite poems using different voices.
- » Object Match: Find different objects from the book in your everyday environment. Point to the object in the book and the "real" object to make a connection for your child. Allow you child to use the objects like they do in the book.

