

Family Literacy Class Resources - Summer 2025 - JVS Hyde Park

Websites and videos used during class:

- [Handout: Read Out and Read - Reading Aloud Tips for Parents \(adapted from English for New Bostonians\)](#)
- [Reading Tips for Parents in Multiple Languages](#)
- [Big Dreams book](#)
- [The Importance of Reading Widely](#)
- [Read and Discuss Stories](#)
- [Storytime: How to Share Books With Your Child](#)
- [How to Read Out Loud With Your Preschooler](#)

Book videos:

Rainbow Fish

- [\[Special Effects\] The Rainbow Fish | Read Aloud Books for Children](#)

Dr. Seuss's ABC: Dr. Seuss's ABC:

- Dr. Seuss authored a lot of great books for children learning to read!
- [Dr. Seuss's ABC | Read Along | Read Aloud | Children's Book](#)
- [Dr. Seuss's ABC - Animated Read Aloud Book \(Beginner Books, I Can Read It All By Myself\)](#)

Elephants Cannot Dance! (we used this book to talk about expression):

- Mo Willems authored a lot of great books for children learning to read!
- [Elephants Cannot Dance! by Mo Willems | An Elephant and Piggie Read Aloud](#)

Storyline Online: A Youtube channel with a lot of read aloud videos.

- <https://www.youtube.com/@StorylineOnline>

Phonics

Short vs. long vowel videos:

- [The Vowel Song | Long and Short Vowel Sounds | Nursery Rhymes + Kids Songs | Phonics | Vowel Sounds](#)
- [Let's Learn Vowels: Short and Long](#)
- [Long and Short Vowels for Kids: A E I O U | Learn English Grammar Kids Academy](#)
- [The Short Vowel Song | Best Phonics](#)
- [The Vowel Song: Long and Short Vowel Sounds | English Songs | Scratch Garden](#)

Alphabet song videos:

- [The Alphabet Song | Learn The ABCs | Finny The Shark](#)
- [Learn uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet song](#)

English Alphabet Sound videos:

- [Phonics Song 2](#)

- [ABC Phonics Song with Sounds for Children - Alphabet Song with Two Words for Each Letter](#)
- [The Alphabet Song | Phonics Song for Kids | Kindergarten Alphabet Song | Jack Hartmann](#)
- [Learn The ABC Phonic Song with APPLE as Your First Lesson-ABC Songs, ABCD, Nursery Rhymes, Baby Song](#)

Blending CVC (Consonant-Vowel-Consonant) Words videos:

- [CVC Words | Phonics | Consonant Vowel Consonant | Blending Words](#)
- [Everybody's Reading Now - CVC Phonics Song](#)
- [CVC Words | Learn to Read | @officialalphablocks](#)

Digraph videos:

- [Digraphs | ch, sh, th, ck, ph, gh, wh | Rock 'N Learn Phonics Songs](#)
- [Let's Learn Blending Digraphs](#)
- [The TH Sound | Phonics Video | Scratch Garden](#) - playlist of 10 videos
 - [Digraphs! | Top Ten English Digraphs | Phonics are Fun!](#) - the same videos but in one video (instead of 10 separate videos)

Magic E videos:

- [Nessy Reading Strategy | Magic E | Learn to Read](#)
- [How Do You Use the Silent 'E'? | StoryBots: Learn to Read | Netflix Jr](#)
- [The Magic E Song](#)
- ["Silent e" by The Bazillions](#)

Vowel Teams videos:

- [The Double Letter Vowel Song | Best Phonics](#)
- [The Vowel Teams Song | The Long A Sound | Phonics Song](#)
- [The Vowel Teams Song | The Long E Sound | Phonics Song](#)
- [The Vowel Teams Song | The Long I & Long U Sounds | Phonics Song](#)
- [Long Vowel Sounds | ie, igh | Phonics Songs and Stories | Learn to Read](#)
- [When Two Vowels Go Walking | Jack Hartmann Vowel Teams Song | Vowels Song](#)

Diphthongs videos:

- [The Diphthong Song | Jack Hartmann| How to Sing Diphthongs](#)
- [Long Vowel Sounds | oi, oy | Diphthongs | Phonics Songs and Stories | Learn to Read](#)
- [Let's Learn Blending Vowel Teams: OI, OY](#)
- [Long Vowel Sounds | oo | Diphthongs | Phonics Songs and Stories | Learn to Read](#)
- [Let's Learn Blending Vowel teams: AU, AW](#)
- [How to Pronounce the 5 Diphthongs of American English \[Free PDF + Audio Practice Included\]](#) - pronunciation video for adults (this Youtuber has a lot of good pronunciation videos)

Videos combining similar vowel sounds (to practice the difference):

- [Let's Learn Blending Long E: EA, EE, EY](#)
- [Let's Learn Blending Long U: U E, OO, EW](#)
- [Let's Learn Blending Long O: O E, OA, OW](#)
- [Let's Learn Blending Long I: I E, IGH, Y](#)
- [Let's Learn Blending Long A: A E, AI, AY](#)

Silent Letter videos:

- [Silent Letters for Kids | Reading & Pronunciation | Kids Academy](#)
- [Nessy Reading Strategy | Silent Letters | Learn to Read](#)
- [Silent Letters in English from A-Z | List of Words with Silent Letters | English Pronunciation](#) - for adults

Bossy R videos:

- [The Rules of Bossy "R" | StoryBots: Learn to Read | Netflix Jr](#)
- [R-controlled Vowels | ar, or | Bossy r | Phonics Songs and Stories | Learn to Read](#)
- [Bossy R! | AR Words | Jack Hartmann](#)
- [Let's Learn Blending R Controlled: ER, IR, and UR](#)
- [Let's Learn Blending R Controlled: AR, OR](#)

Glued/Welded Sound videos:

- [Nessy Reading Strategy : ing, ang and ongEnding Sounds | Learn to Read Words With ANG, ING, ONG, UNG, ANK, INK, DGE | Phonics Lessons](#)

Consonant Blends videos:

- [Let's Learn Blending with Consonant Blends](#)
- [Blends Song | Letter Blends | Consonant Blends | Two Letters that Work Together | Jack Hartmann](#)

Phonics stories (covers a lot of different letter teams):[Long Vowel Sounds | oo | Diphthongs | Phonics Songs and Stories | Learn to Read](#)

English Books to Share With Your Family

This list is from [English For New Bostonians](#).

POPULAR BOOKS FOR SMALL CHILDREN

- Curious George (many books in this series) by H.A. Rey
- Good Night Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- Maisy (many books in this series) by Lucy Cousins
- Madeline (many books in this series) by Ludwig Bemelmans
- Clifford (many books in this series) by Norman Bridwell
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Arthur (many books in this series) by Marc Brown
- Jamaica's Find by Juanita Havill
- A Pocket for Corduroy (and other books in this series) by Don Freeman
- Abuela by Arthur Dorros

OTHER BOOKS TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILDREN:

- o It's OK to be Different by Todd Parr [pre-school]
- o Busy Fingers by C.W. Bowie [pre-school]
- o Lola Reads to Leo by Anna McQuinn [pre-school]
- o Is Anyone Home? by David Le Jars [pre-school]
- o Elizabeth's Doll by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen
- o Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey (you can go to the Public Gardens in Boston to see the swan boats and the ducklings with your children) David's Drawings by Cathryn Falwell
- o Liliana's Grandmothers by Leyla Torres
- o Lola at the Library by Anna McQuinn y Rosalind Beardshaw
- o Grandma's Records by Eric Velasquez
- o Flower Garden by Eve Bunting
- o Abuela's Weave by Omar S. Castaneda
- o Tender Moments in the Wild by Stephanie Maze
- o Whoever You Are by Mem Fox
- o David's Drawings by Cathryn Falwell
- o The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins
- o It Takes a Village by Jane Cowen-Fletcher
- o The Adventures of Taxi Dog by Debra and Sal Barracca
- o When This World Was New (about an immigrant from a tropical island who now lives in New York, in the snow) by D. H. Figueredo
- o Under the Lemon Moon by Edith Hope Fine
- o Gift of Gracias by Julia Alvarez

BOOKS FOR FAMILIES WITH OLDER CHILDREN OR FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Wilma Unlimited by Kathleen Krull
- Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco
- Where do People Go When They Die? By Mindy Avra Portnoy
- Be My Neighbor by Maya Ajmera and John D. Ivanko
- Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki
- Baseball in the Barrios by Henry Horenstein
- America is her Name by Luis Rodriguez
- Harvesting Hope (a true story about migrant workers) by Kathleen Krull
- Tomás and the Library Lady by Pat Mora
- Amelia's Road by Linda Jacobs Altman