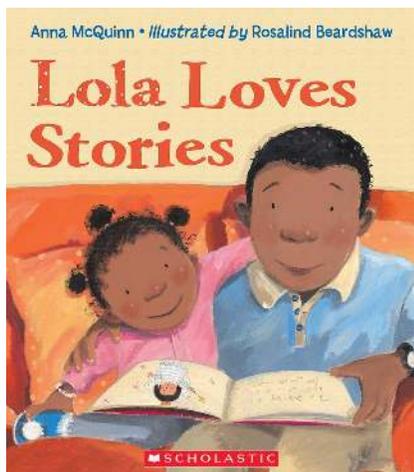


Talking is Teaching

Lola Loves Stories

(Paperback Book) Reading Tips



Lola Loves Stories By Anna McQuinn

Lola Loves Stories takes us into the world of one of our favorite little girls, Lola! Her story begins in one of the best places....the LIBRARY! You might ask if anyone has been to the library? What was it like? Can anyone name their favorite library? Count the children in the library together!

What does it look like Lola and her daddy are reading about in their first book? Where do you think they enjoy sharing a book together? A sofa? Comfy bed?

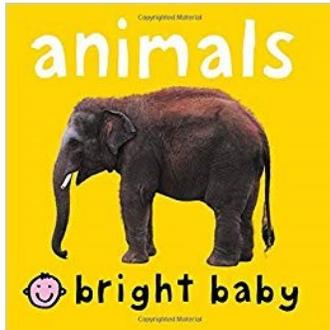
Go around the room and insert children's names in place of Lola...."Adam loves Stories! What stories does Adam love?"

We see Lola pretending to be the very thing she read about the night before! In fact, as you turn each page, ask the children to describe what they see Lola doing. Her stuffed animals are riding in the plane with her, she and her friend are having "coffee" together, and she even explores jungles and builds houses....all because of books she is reading. She has a great imagination and by using play, she is reinforcing all the fun things she sees in books. As you read words on the page, point to letters and make the sound. Ask the children to make the same sound and name the letter. Can anyone think of other words that begin with the same sound?

You may also pick out a particular word such as "dress " or "day." Can you think of rhyming words together?

Help parents think about ways books come alive in their homes with pretend play! Talk about easy ways to transform a room or situation into something more creative. Can you use a towel or bedsheet to create a fort in which to pretend, or can you turn the lights off and use a flashlight to go exploring? Sometimes the most simple things can become the most fun!

Talking is Teaching Animals (Board Book) Reading Tips



Animals/Animales By Roger Priddy

This board book is a wonderful addition to any little library, as it has bright pictures and animals that are certain to engage the eyes of our youngest! Don't forget that the sturdy pages will stand up to biting and tugging, so allow your little one to hold the book and don't be surprised if they want to carry it around with them.

Allow your little one to pat the pages and ask them to point to pictures. You might even help guide their little hands to the pictures as they are learning how to point. Be sure to reward their efforts with phrases, such as, "good job!" "I knew you could do it!". Our brains are wired from the very beginning to respond to praise and work hard at a task! Take each opportunity to make the different animals sounds as you turn each page, and allow time for your little one to copy you.

Don't be afraid to make silly faces and gestures as you read, and enjoy the time you are spending together with the TV off and cell phones put away! These moments together build strong relationships and prepare children for great vocabulary building! Don't get frustrated if your little one isn't saying the words yet, but show them excitement for any babbling or utterances they make! Learning new words is hard work. You can even ask an older sibling to be part of the fun by acting out the part of the different animals.