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Many think children learn to read in school. If the truth is known, most preschoolers already know a lot about reading. This happens because the parents have been teaching them with rhymes, pointing to an object and saying what it is, and also pointing out printed words on paper. If a parent reads a book to a child enough times, the child can recite the book. Now it is a matter of teaching them to recognize the sequences of letters to know what a word is.

Language is the basis of reading development. If reading makes sense to a child, they will use it for life. Parents can help children with positive reading experiences before they ever get to school age. Take the time to read to a child of any age.

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