



My favorite CHARACTER IS...

WHAT DO YOU SEE ON THE COVER?

WHY DOES THE MOUSE NEED MILK?

What WILL HAPPEN NEXT?



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INFANTS:

Reading a book to your infant is a great chance to cuddle and bond, relax and sit comfortably with your baby on your lap. Point out pictures on the page and name what you are pointing to. You don't have to read every word! Sharing a book is an experience that helps your baby's brain to make important connections, laying the foundation for learning to read. Just because your baby is not talking, doesn't mean he/she isn't learning!

TODDLERS:

Have lots of fun with this silly book! It provides lots of opportunities to talk about what a mess the mouse makes in the house, how tiny the mouse is, and how tired the boy gets. Talk about the pictures, point and describe what you are pointing to as you talk about what is happening. Ask "what will he ask for next? Is he being silly?" Point to the words as you read them. This helps your toddler learn what words are and where the words you are saying come from.

PRESCHOOLERS:

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie is a classic and sure to become a favorite! Continue pointing to the words as you read. Take turns "reading" and help your child use the pictures as clues to the words on the page. Preschoolers like to recite parts of a familiar story, especially if the story is predictable. Pause at the end of a sentence and let your child finish with the words they remember. Talk about the boy and how he is a good friend, talk about what you have on your refrigerator and your favorite snacks to share. Your lap is still the best place for your preschooler to be and the reading you are sharing is helping your child to become a reader!

