



Night-Night Forest Friends

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Children need to hear and say lots of words before entering Kindergarten.

Helping your child develop a routine in their daily schedule will help with their narrative skills and vocabulary.

C.A.R. is simple conversation/story starter you can use with your child to help them tell the story.

Below is an example of how to use C.A.R. with your Imagination Library book, “Night-Night, Forest Friends”



<p>C- Comment and Wait (count to 5) * Make a comment about with you see on the page.</p>	<p>Adult: It looks like Papa Rabbit is tucking in his babies, just like I tuck you in at night. Child: Points to Papa Rabbit giving a kiss to the baby rabbits.</p>
<p>A- Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) * Ask questions that do not have a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ or one word answer to them.</p>	<p>Adult: What do you think Papa Rabbit is doing in this picture? Child: Tucking in the baby rabbits.</p>
<p>R- Respond by adding a little more to the child’s response.</p>	<p>Adult: Yes! Good job! Papa rabbit is tucking them in just like I tuck you in with a blanket before bedtime.</p>



C.A.R. is taken from the Language is the Key Curriculum written by Washington Learning Systems.

Related Activities to Encourage Early Literacy Skills

- Share a board book with your baby. By around 10 months, babies who are read to can turn the pages of a book in the correct direction.
- When your baby is babbling, respond as if they are having a conversation with you. They are learning that conversations go two ways.
- Read board books with simple pictures and little text so that your child can focus on a particular page.
- Allow your baby to put books in his/her mouth. This is how they explore and learn about books.

Reading Tips

- ***Night-Night, Forest Friends* has fantastic rhyming words.** As you read the story with your child, act out some of the text of the story. For example, tuck them in with a blanket, pretend to rock them to sleep. Yawn, snore, stretch and pretend to sleep.
- **Read the book with emotion.** Start out this story time in a regular tone, and then finish the book in a whisper to show your child the emotions that are being expressed in the book.
- **Talk about your own bedtime routine with your baby and relate this to the forest friends.**

Song: Hush Little Baby

Hush, little baby, don't say a word.
Papa's gonna buy you a mockingbird

And if that mockingbird won't sing,
Papa's gonna buy you a diamond ring

And if that diamond ring turns brass,
Papa's gonna buy you a looking glass

And if that looking glass gets broke,
Papa's gonna buy you a billy goat

And if that billy goat won't pull,
Papa's gonna buy you a cart and bull

And if that cart and bull turn over,
Papa's gonna buy you a dog named Rover

And if that dog named Rover won't bark
Papa's gonna buy you a horse and cart

And if that horse and cart fall down,
You'll still be the sweetest little baby in town.

Related books you can check out at your local library

Little Owl's Night

By: Divya Srinivasan

Who's in the Forest?

By: Phyllis Gershator

Good Night, I Love You

By: Caroline Jayne Church

Llama, Llama Nighty-Night

By: Anna Dewdney