

A-Z Kids Literacy Journal

The Essential Guide from Newborn to Five



How to Use This Journal

Capturing Reading Milestones with Purpose

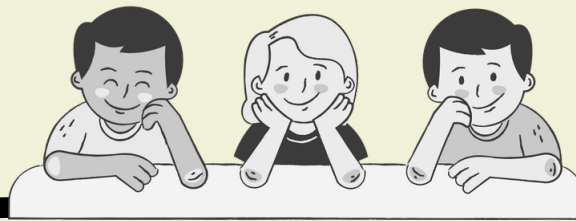
The Purpose of Raising a Reader Journal

The A-Z journal aims to inspire parents, grandparents, and caregivers to go beyond traditional “Read-Aloud” books, fostering interactive and purposeful activities that enhance school readiness. By nurturing language and literacy development from infancy through kindergarten and leveraging proven methods from Maya Smart’s research, children will be well-prepared to become confident readers before they even start school.

Why It’s Important

Capturing milestones and recording activities turns everyday moments into a purposeful literacy plan that keeps families engaged, reflective, and responsive so every small step in reading feeds a lifelong love of learning. Those notes also become practical insight to share with caregivers, teachers, doctors, and specialists, keeping everyone aligned, celebrating progress, and acting quickly when extra encouragement is needed.

“You can’t teach what you don’t notice.” — Maya Smart



Milestone Date Line – Your Way!

Every milestone in this journal comes with its own little date line. Think of it as a “Make it yours” space.

- ✓ Check it off when your child reaches it
- ✎ Capture the month/day/year, or even just the year
- 📌 Mark the child. Especially if you’ve got more than one budding bookworm.

There’s no “right” way to use it. Just whatever helps you remember the moment when it happened. Trust us, years from now, you’ll be glad you captured the when along with the what.

So grab a book, grab your reader-in-training, and let’s make magic, one letter, one milestone, one story at a time.

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**"The alphabet is an
abolitionist.
If you would keep a people
enslaved, refuse to teach
them to read."**

Harper's Weekly editorial, 1867

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ABC Checklist



Learning the ABC song is fun, but truly recognizing each letter makes a big difference. Typically, children learn the alphabet starting with uppercase letters in the sequence below. After mastering uppercase, they move on to lowercase letters, and finally, they learn to match uppercase and lowercase pairs.

Earliest
Letters

Your Child's First Initial

O

B

A

C

X

PSEHT

WMRKD

FLYZ

GJNIQ

U

V

Latest
Letters

Infant Development Milestones:

Birth to 6 Months



General Milestones



Language



Reading &



Writing

Book List



Idioms



Activities





Date	Observations
11/11/2023	1. The first observation was made on 11/11/2023. The temperature was 25°C, and the humidity was 60%. The wind speed was 10 km/h, and the direction was from the north. The sky was clear, and the sun was visible. The water level was 1.5 m, and the current was 0.5 m/s. The water quality was good, and the pH was 7.5. The water color was clear, and the turbidity was 0.5 NTU. The water temperature was 25°C, and the surface temperature was 28°C. The water depth was 1.5 m, and the bottom was sandy. The water flow was from the north, and the current was 0.5 m/s. The water level was 1.5 m, and the current was 0.5 m/s. The water quality was good, and the pH was 7.5. The water color was clear, and the turbidity was 0.5 NTU. The water temperature was 25°C, and the surface temperature was 28°C. The water depth was 1.5 m, and the bottom was sandy. The water flow was from the north, and the current was 0.5 m/s.



Early Language Milestones

From Cooing to First Sounds

Every coo, cry, and smile is your baby's first step toward communication. Listening closely to these early sounds helps you notice how your little one begins connecting with you through tone, rhythm, and expression.

Date	Observations
	Turning toward voices – responding to familiar sounds or names
	Cooing – soft vowel-like sounds that show contentment
	Smiling – a social cue to connect and respond
	Babbling – early consonant-vowel combinations (e.g., "ba," "da")
	Eye contact – to engage or respond to a familiar face
	Facial expressions – showing joy, surprise, or discomfort
	Body movements – kicking or waving arms to express excitement or need
	Imitating sounds – trying to mimic adult speech patterns
	Respond to your voice, making every interaction a delightful experience.
	Blowing raspberries!

Keep the Spark Growing

To the grown-ups who showed up, and the kid who's growing fast, well done. You've reached the end of these pages, but not the end of your journey.

You didn't just log pages; you shared insight into your child's unique literacy superpowers while building a learning habit. This journal now holds tiny firsts, big wins, and the everyday moments that uncovered how your child learned to be a reader.

Keep reading aloud. Keep listening closely. Keep noticing the small signs of learning that unfold in everyday life. Let this journal remind you that literacy isn't a finish line. It's a lifelong path of curiosity, connection, and care.

Next Steps: Sharing What You've Learned

The insights you've gathered in this journal are more than memories—they're a map of growth. Use them to start meaningful conversations with the people who support your child's learning journey.

Share your notes and milestones with caregivers, so everyone stays consistent at home; with teachers and specialists, so they can build on your observations in the classroom; and with doctors, so developmental milestones are understood in context. These shared reflections help create a complete picture of your child's progress—ensuring that every voice, at home and in the community, works together to nurture lifelong learning.

Keep it going...

- Start a New Words List on the fridge.
- Re-read three favorites - notice what feels easier now.
- Visit the library and let your reader choose the stack.
- Keep one book in the car and one by the bed.
- Share a read-aloud with a younger cousin, neighbor, or stuffed-animal audience.
- Keep going, one letter and one milestone at a time. The habit you built here will fuel a lifetime of learning.
- Go to our "[How to Raise a Reader](#)" Workshop

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