

# Play with me

Help your child get ready to read.

## Playing Together

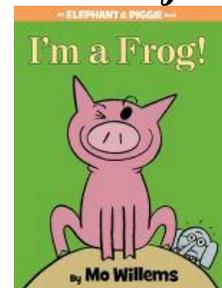
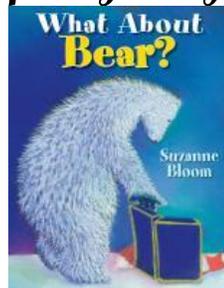
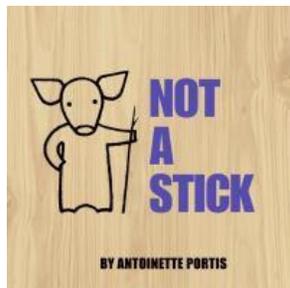
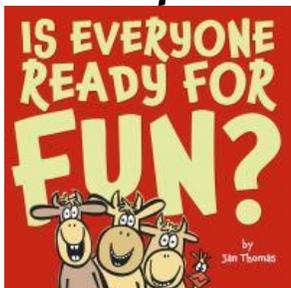
### Ideas for Playing with your child

- Create a box full of props and costumes – use old clothes and fabric to encourage creative play
- Give cardboard boxes to your child to play with – one of the best free toys on the planet
- Make sure your child has plenty of time and space for different kinds of play – from running and jumping to sitting quietly while drawing or building

### Resources for Playing with Children

- Check out the Austin Public Library's Recommended Reading Lists for Picture Books about Playing
  - [http://austin.bibliocommons.com/list/share/295286867\\_austinplplayreadgrow/298503647\\_playing](http://austin.bibliocommons.com/list/share/295286867_austinplplayreadgrow/298503647_playing)
- Learn what your baby is learning during playtime with Zero to Three
  - <http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/play/>
- Zero to Three has a whole year of seasonal activities to help you find new ways to play
  - <http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/play/play-year.html>
- Learn why Play is more than just a pastime from the Urban Child Institute
  - <http://www.urbanchildinstitute.org/articles/editorials/play-is-more-than-just-a-pastime>

### Our Top Five Picture Books for Young Readers About Play



Read

Write

Sing

Talk

Play



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