



## School Days Reading for Early Literacy

Reading aloud every day helps children with hearing loss build literacy skills. Here are five “school days” books with specific concepts, skills and activities for incorporating LSL strategies into your reading time.

### Reading List

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

#### **Splat and the Cool School Trip**

Mouse Paint

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Go, Dog. Go!

# Splat and the Cool School Trip

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FOR AGES 4-8

Splat is ready for his school field trip to the zoo! Everyone is excited to see their favorite animal. Read about Splat’s favorite and what happens when he doesn’t get to see them.

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## Word Focus...

**Words to Review:** Waddle, Disappointed, Favorite, Frightened, Trumpeted, Dismayed and Amazement

## Activity Ideas

1. Practice making the faces from the emotion words presented in the story. **Use a listening sandwich** if the emotion words are new for your child, e.g. tell your child you are frightened (**audition**), make a scared face (**visual cue**), then repeat that you are frightened (**audition**). Take turns telling each other which emotion face to make and discuss times when you have felt that way. Use **opposites (antonyms)** of the emotions to add to your list.
2. Talk about animals you would want to see at the zoo. Gather plastic or stuffed animal zoo toys. **Model using descriptions** to build your child’s language, e.g. What sound do they make? Fur or feathers? Spots or stripes? Meat or vegetable eater?
3. Take a field trip to the zoo and locate the animals in the story. **Direct your child to listen. Talk about the animal sounds you hear.** How many describing words can you think of to talk about the animal?

## More On The Web

**Listen:** Read the book aloud

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MnqSTRobzuo>

**Do:** Fun activities to do together

<http://www.pinkoatmeal.com/zoo-yoga>

**Sing:** Go Away!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwRmivbNgQk>