

## Fun and festive reading over the holidays



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The holidays are here! The winter break is a great time to step away from the hustle and bustle and cozy up on the couch to read together. This season is a busy time for many families. Reading is Fundamental put together some helpful tips on incorporating literacy activities into your holiday to-do list.

- When it's time for holiday baking, ask your child to read the directions aloud to you or read them together.
- Ask your child to help you write out gift name tags. Use extra-large gift tags for tiny hands.
- Visit the library or bookstore and pick out some holiday favorites for festive family reading all season long!

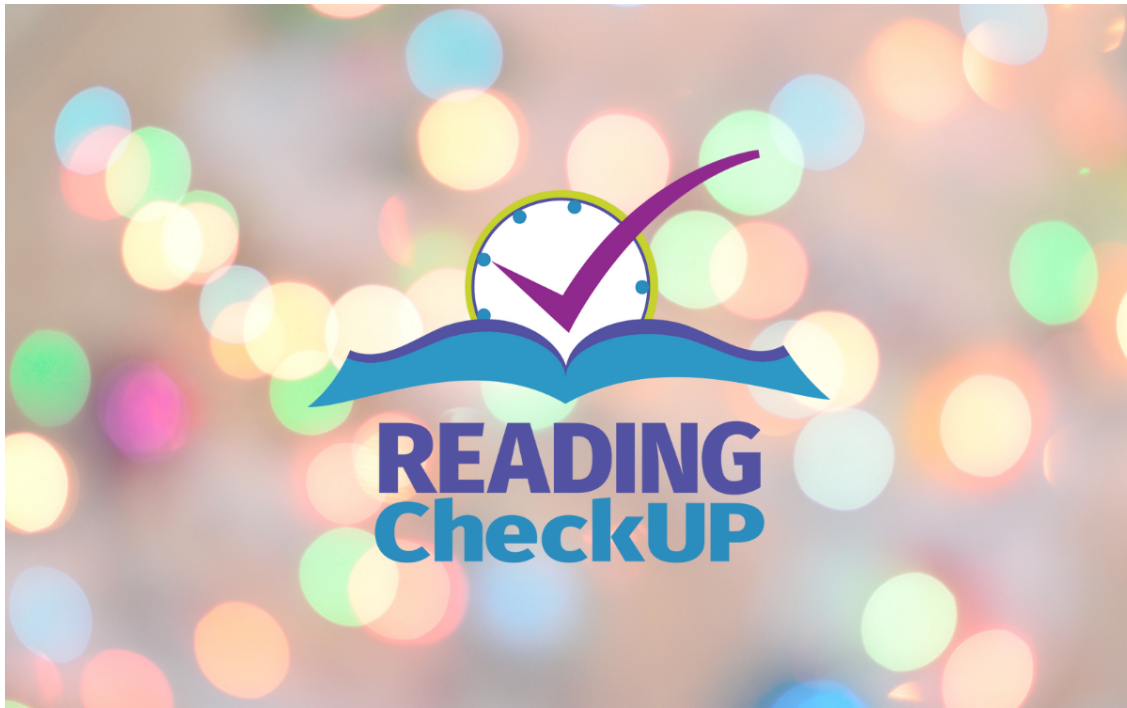
Visit the [Reading is Fundamental](#) website to see the full list!

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## Last-minute (and literacy-focused!) gift ideas for little ones

If you're still working on your holiday shopping, consider giving the children in your life gifts that will contribute to literacy development (the gift that truly keeps on giving!).

- Alphabet letters can help feed a child's interest in the ABCs. Look for items like ABC puzzles, ABC magnets, sidewalk chalk, and ABC games so they can play with and see letters all around them. [Click here](#) for more resources.
  - Choose a book that can be read with a child. Picture books are great for this, like "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak, "Last Stop on Market Street" by Matt de la Pena, and "My Papi has a Motorcycle" by Isabel Quintero. Great chapter books include the Ramona books by Beverly Cleary and the Ellray Jakes books by Sally Warner, and also check out nonfiction books by authors like Gail Gibbons, Melissa Stewart, and Kate Messner. For tips on effective Active Reading, [click here](#).
  - Give the gift of books each month with a book subscription box. The excitement around receiving new books in the mail every month can help build excitement around reading. There are lots of subscription companies offering books for all age ranges. Or consider making a standing library date to check out new books on a regular basis.
  - A custom name puzzle is a fun way to help a child recognize the letters in their name and learn to spell it. For a DIY version, [click here](#).
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Take time (as little as 20 minutes!) over the holiday break to do a Reading Checkup with your PreK-3rd grade child. After your child completes two online quizzes, you'll receive a FREE individual reading plan and recommendations for activities to practice at home. And since it's the season of giving, please [share this tool](#) with your family and friends to help improve early literacy for all children in Mecklenburg County!

## Begin Reading Checkup

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