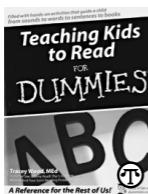


# Pointers For Parents

## Teaching Kids To Read

(NAPSA)—Results of a recent National Assessment of Educational Progress show that only one in three of the nation's fourth graders can read well enough to be considered an academic success. Parental involvement can improve a child's reading levels but most parents don't know how to begin teaching their kids to read.



Fortunately, an easy-to-follow new book provides parents with simple, fun activities to teach reading basics.

“Teaching Kids to Read For Dummies” (Wiley, \$19.99) supplies the knowledge to help kids build words from letters and sounds, advance to short and long vowel words, and conquer syllables and silent letters, laying the foundation for good reading skills.

The book stresses the importance of reading to children often and from an early age. This valuable resource explains how to make learning fun by using play to teach reading skills and includes hands-on activities that adults can do with kids as young as age two to encourage reading.

The book is written by Tracy Wood, MEd, a children's reading specialist and author of “See Johnny Read! The 5 Most Effective Ways to End Your Son's Reading Problems.”

The book is available wherever books are sold or through [www.dummies.com](http://www.dummies.com).