



BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

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Old and New Favorite Picture Books

See how engaged this little boy is in one of Mo Willems' books? He's on his way to becoming a good reader! I love children's books, too, especially picture books.

Some favorites of my crowd of 6-and-under grandchildren these days are books that delight and engage adult readers as well:

- Any of the Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems, but especially *I Really Like Slop*
For more about Mo Willems and his work, [click here](#).
- Jon Klassen's wonderful and thought-provoking series, *Who Took My Hat*, *This is Not My Hat*, and *I Want My Hat Back*

[Read more](#)

Best Beginnings Update January-March 2017

In the third quarter of FY 2017, the number of children enrolled in Imagination Library in Alaska increased as we worked with one community to get their Imagination Library back up and running while losing a couple of smaller communities due to lack of funding. Early Language & Literacy key points for this quarter include:

- 107 communities served through Imagination Library - [click here](#) for a list of communities
- 19,123 children enrolled in Imagination Library (an increase of 333)
- 35% of all eligible Alaska children enrolled in Imagination Library



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Your investment in early childhood is one of the best ways to help:

- Children learn and grow
- Parents connect with their children
- Families connect with their communities

EVERY gift matters.



Words Count!

Children exposed to more words their first few years:

- Develop bigger vocabularies
- Become stronger readers

Read, talk, sing, and play with you children every day!

- 57,972 free books delivered through Imagination Library

[Click here](#) to find out more about Best Beginnings' work this past quarter.



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