



Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss is a classic story using repetition and rhyme to support early literacy skills. This book is a great example of using the words to do the actions and not focusing on 'reading' the book page by page. Like many books, this book has been made into a read-aloud on YouTube. Each video has a different way of presenting the book. This version is a 'rap' done to the book. There are many ways to have your child experience a book that does not involve sitting and listening to each page. Sometimes you get one or two pages in, and your child is done. Occasionally your child may bring you the book, and you sit together to read. Then your child closes the book and is all done- this can get frustrating for us, the parents. Look at the 'story' to think outside of the book. How can I make this come to life?

### [Dr. Seuss - Wes Tank Raps Hop on Pop - YouTube](#)

#### Some tips for reading with toddlers

1. Find a comfortable place to sit together with the book
2. Be flexible in how you read the book – your child may be more into the pictures or not want to sit for too long.
  - a. Skip the words, talk about the pictures
  - b. Show your child things that are familiar to their world
  - c. Be silly in your voices and facial expressions – this is a great way to encourage mimicking/copying with your child
  - d. Skip pages – do the pages that your child finds interesting at first and slowly add to the story as your child engages more.
3. It is OK to never read a single word in a book and instead focus on the pictures, the familiar, and move at your child's pace/attention
4. Have fun! Emotions help us make memories. Be silly, funny, and playing support your child's learning in ways that will make you smile and help them grow.

#### Activities you can do at home to support this book

1. **Dr. Seuss is celebrated in March** for the books, writings, and excitement he brought to young readers. Read Across America is an annual event in many elementary schools and library systems. Below are a few recipes, art, and ideas to celebrate Dr. Seuss with your young reader too.
2. **Big Muscle Play** creates an obstacle course inside – jump on bubble wrap, crawl under the table, follow the blue painter's tape down the hall, crawl over your bed.
3. **Pop Corn collage** Pop popcorn in the microwave, let cool, and glue it onto paper (this activity will be messy, and it may end up being a snack.) *Stay close to your child during this activity so that you can model and monitor for safety.*
4. **Balloons and Play** Blow up a few large balloons and hit them back and forth, play silly games – hide the balloon under the table, put the balloon under your shirt, rub it on your hair and stick it to the wall (Magic!). Play while you have the bubble wrap on the floor, so your child runs over it (pop, pop, pop!).



**Some other Dr. Seuss books** – The Lorax, Fox in Sox, Fox in Socks, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish, Green Eggs and Ham, Cat in the Hat, Horton Hatches an Egg, Wocket in my Pocket, Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You? Ten Apples on Top.

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Links and photos provided by: [Hop on Pop Rhyming Activity \(funlearningforkids.com\)](https://www.funlearningforkids.com)

[Hop on Pop- Numbered Balloons Game & Dr. Seuss Linky! - Toddler Approved](#)

