

# World for Learning

## Exploring Our World, One Book at a Time

### Starting a Book Club for Kids

One of our all time favorite and longest lasting co-ops is our Book Club for Kids. We started this co-op in 2009 and are still running strong. It's evolved over the years to best fit the needs of our families, however the basic structure remains the same. The checklist on the following page offers some insight into how you too can successfully start a Book Club for Kids.

We believe children learn best when they have opportunities to explore and enjoy the world around them. Our products are geared toward kinesthetic and visual learners, but work well with most learning styles.

We would love to hear from you – if you and your children would like to share your experiences with us, we would enjoy hearing about your adventures with our products and how the tools we have created helped you on your journey.

We appreciate your support,

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# Starting a Book Club for Kids

Here are some things to consider as you start a book club for kids:

-  **What type of books will you club read?** Picture books, chapter books, classics, award winners, biographies, etc. Who will select the books – the group leader, the children participating, etc.?
-  **Who will participate?** What ages or reading levels will the club include? Will this be an all girls or all boys book club?
-  **Where will you meet?** In someone's home, at a local park, local library, etc. Will you meet in the same location each time or meet in a different location each time?
-  **How often will the club meet?** Once a month, twice a month, once a week?
-  **What are the expectations between meetings?** How much of the book should each child read between club meetings? Are there any other requirements, such as research, writing assignments, etc.?
-  **Who will prepare/lead each meeting?** As the club leader will you create the activities for each meeting or will you ask other families to contribute? Will each family pay a fee for materials or supplies?
-  **What are the ground rules for the group?** It helps to clarify expectations up front for issues surrounding attendance, participation, etc.

Regardless of how your book club for kids is structured, be sure to keep it fun! Build knowledge and skills, but also create memories and expose your children to timeless lessons that classic literature can uniquely offer.

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