



## **Barkley's Book Buddies Book Selection and Activities 2022 - 2023**

The ELC of Duval launched Barkley's Book Buddies in October, 2023, to encourage families to read with their children 20 minutes a day! Research shows that:

- Reading every day grows vocabulary and knowledge
- Encourages bonding and fosters a love for reading
- Children who read or are read to 20 minutes a day enter kindergarten know 1.8 million words.
- A child not reading at grade level by the end of first grade has an 88% of not reading at grade level by the end of fourth grade.

October Book of the Month: [Bear Snores On](#) by Karma Wilson

November Book of the Month: [Owl Babies](#) by Martin Waddell

December Book of the Month: [The Doorbell Rang](#) by Pat Hutchins

January Book of the Month: [Peter's Chair](#) by Erza Jack Keats

February Book of the Month: [Eating the Alphabet](#) by Lois Ehlert

March Book of the Month: [Are You My Mother?](#) by P.D. Eastman

April Book of the Month: [Is Your Mama a Llama?](#) by Deborah Guarino

May Book of the Month: [Caps for Sale](#) by Esphyr Slobodkina

June Book of the Month: [My Five Senses](#) by Aiki

*It you wait, it's too late!  
#20 minutes a day, paves the way!*