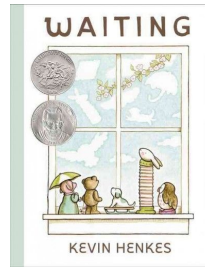


**Virtual at Home Storytime**  
**Presented by Ms. Wendy**



Check out the book **Waiting** by Kevin Henkes on [Hoopla](#). Each day, Monday through Friday, read the book with your child. After reading the book, complete the provided activities.

Repetition is important for strengthening neural pathways in the brain, building language skills, developing a robust vocabulary, and allows children to take an active part in the reading process through memorization and prediction.

**Monday**-Talk with your child. “Walk” through the book page by page and talk about what each of the characters are waiting for and how the characters may have felt before and after they received what they were waiting for. Ask your child if they've ever waited for something and how it made them feel before and after the waiting process, help them express their emotions by providing the vocabulary if needed-happy, sad, angry, frustrated, excited, etc.

**Tuesday**-Sing with your child. Watch Dr. Anne Meeker Watson’s [I Am Waiting](#) song, sing and participate in the physical movements. Repeat the song throughout the day with your child, brainstorming other movements (jump up & down, wiggle your bottom, tap your head, etc).

**Wednesday**-Write with your child. Together with your child, draw a picture of your family waiting to reunite with friends & loved ones. If you’ve discussed current events with your child, now would be a good time to talk about why it is important for your family to stay home and stay safe during these difficult times. If you need help discussing the novel coronavirus/COVID-19 with your child, please visit the following links:

- [Zero to Three](#)
- [MiDHHS](#)
- [CDC](#)
- [PBS](#)

**Thursday**-Read with your child. Read the book in a new way:

1. Watch Kevin Henkes read the book on YouTube [here](#).
2. Ask your child to “read” the book to you.
3. Use the read along feature on Hoopla and let your child listen to the book on their own (even children need alone time).

**Friday**-Play with your child. Find toys around your house that could act as the characters in the story and act out the story with your child. Have fun!