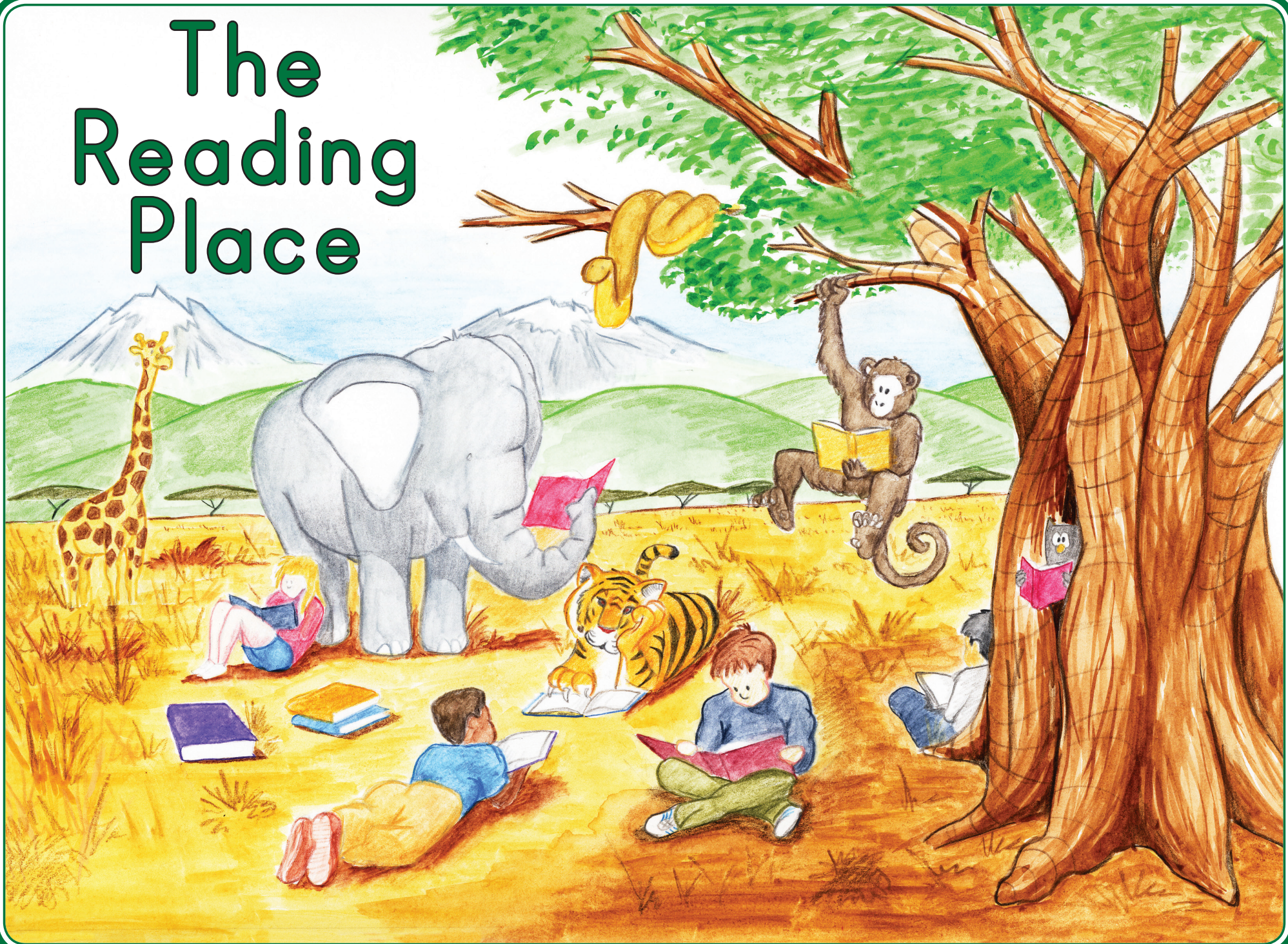


The Reading Place



Welcome to The Reading Place!



Come to the wise old baobab tree
And sit by its side, where the shade is free.
Our mighty green tree grew from a seed,
(You'll grow the same way as you learn to read.)
In the very beginning, some things might seem slow,
But lots of great words you will soon come to know.
Reading will make your confidence strong,
And your love for good books will be lifelong.
So, come along now; you'll soon be a reader.
(You'll quickly find out that you're also a leader.)
Come gather 'round this fine Reading Place.
Begin with a smile and a bright, happy face!
We'll make this time count (and have lots of fun, too).
Everyone here is so proud of you!
I will be here to help you and guide -
So, let's read together now - side-by-side.

~ Victoria Beck

Sight Words

machine

steak

break

early

pearl

Have you visited the recommended book list yet? The back of *The Reading Place* includes comprehensive book lists, ready to accompany you and your reader to the local bookstore or public library. You'll find these lists helpful for many years to come. Even after your reader has graduated from this program, be sure to keep *The Reading Place* in a handy place!

*Sometimes, the letter y is used as a vowel. Many reading programs teach it as a vowel. We introduce it much later, as there are very, very few words your reader will encounter using y as a vowel and, in order to read those few words, many other rules need to be understood first.

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



Chewing gum is not good for your teeth.

The stage at the civic center was huge.

The baby goats were not kept in a cage.

Let's play a game.

Turn the pages slowly, as you read this book.