

Early Literacy TIPS

FOR FAMILIES

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Talk with Your Child

Use trips to the grocery store, dinner time chats, and driving in the car as a time to introduce new words and talk about the world around us.

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Exchange Stories

Tell a great story, and have your child tell you one back! It's a great way to build oral language and learn new words.

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Have Fun with Rhymes

Sing rhyming songs, read rhyming books, and say tongue twisters with your child. This helps them learn new sounds in words.

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Talk About Letters

Help your child learn the names of the letters and the sounds the letters make. Turn it into a game! For example, you could say, "I'm thinking of a letter and it makes the sound ssssss."

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Keep Books Present

Your child will be more likely to pick up a book and read if they are out in the open and easy to find. Keep them readily available in the kitchen, car, and other locations where your child spends time.



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Read Every Day & Ask Questions

Reading together for 20 minutes each day, and talking about what you are reading helps children understand what they are reading.

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Take Advantage of Available Help

Select books your child is most interested in reading. Talk with your child's teacher or a local librarian to find the best books for your child. Visit the library for books, events, and programs like reading clubs.

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Be Creative with Writing

Writing grocery lists and notes or letters helps children connect spoken words to written words.

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Introduce Reading Apps

Your child can practice reading on your phone or tablet at home or on-the-go.

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Keep Reading

Creating a plan to spend quality time reading during school breaks and over the summer can help prevent children from falling behind and ensure they return to school ready to learn.