

Read to your baby and
toddler EVERY DAY!!

CREATE...

A cozy reading
place in your home.

When Reading...

- Track your finger along the words. This lets your child develop an understanding of text flow.
- Call attention to the pictures.

Talking to your child
promotes vocabulary
development.

Play Together

- *While playing, help your child sort blocks and simple objects by shape, color, or size.
- *While playing, point out beginning sounds of words.
- *Act out simple stories with your child.

SING

The ABC Song

Literacy Tips Birth – 2 years

Just talk...



- ✓ Sing or say nursery rhymes to help your baby learn about phonetic sounds and rhyming words.

Talk some more...

Talk to your baby as you do everyday tasks. Narrate your daily activities. For example, "Let's put your socks and shoes on. Your socks are red today. Right sock. Left sock. Now let's put on your blue sneakers. Right foot first. Now your left foot."

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READ...

Books that are songs.
Track along the words as
you sing.

When Reading...

- Track your finger along the words. This lets your child develop an understanding of text flow.
- Call attention to the pictures.
- Read rhyming books and alphabet books.

Beginning Sounds

Point out beginning sounds. Identify the name of the letter.
Compare words that start with the same sound: tomato, taco, table.

Play Together

- *Play with magnetic letters. Have a letter of the day – say as many words as you can that begin with that sound.
- *While playing, point out beginning sounds of words. Make up silly words that rhyme.
- *Act out simple stories with your child.

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Literacy Tips
2-3 years

Ask Questions



- ✓ When you go to the store or for a walk, ask simple questions. What is this? What color is that? Where is that person going?

Ask more questions:

When reading a book together ask simple questions.

What did she just do?
What do you think will happen next?
Where is he going?

Encourage your child to “read” to younger siblings or stuffed animals. Have fun listening to them retell the story in their own way.

LETTER SEARCH...

Search for the letter of the day on signs while you are driving or on recipes while you are cooking.

When Reading...

- Ask simple questions.
- Read rhyming books and alphabet books.
- Allow your child to finish the sentences.
- Have your child search for simple sight words on each page.

Beginning Sounds

Point out beginning sounds. Identify the name of the letter.
Compare words that start with the same sound: ball, bounce, bat.

Play Together

*Play with magnetic letters.
Have a **letter of the day** – say as many words as you can that begin with that sound.
*Have a **word of the day** – use that word as many times as you can in a day. Practice reading and writing the word of the day.
Make up silly words that rhyme.

READ
every day

Literacy Tips 3-5 years

Write Notes and Lists



- ✓ Write simple notes to your child. “Let’s take a walk. I love you. Do you want to read a book?”
- ✓ Make store lists together.

Rhyming Riddles:

Make up riddles and guessing games using words that rhyme. The rhymes can be silly and fun. Your child will start listening for rhyming words all the time.

“What kind of cake would a snake bake?”