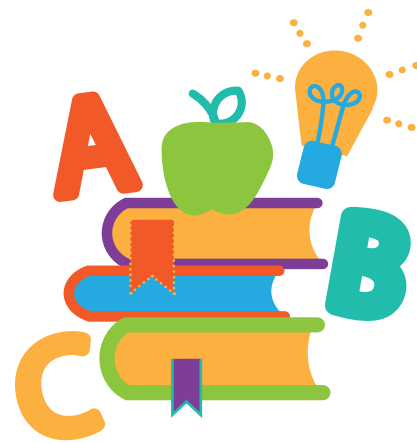




Family Talk: Early Literacy

Early Literacy skills focus on building language, vocabulary, and comprehension. Repetition is very important to understanding, so feel free to do the same activities over and over!

- Read, write, and talk! Tell your child a favorite story and ask them to draw the pictures.



Infant

Help your baby connect spoken words to their meaning by pointing to and naming familiar objects.

- “Here is your blanket. Your soft, warm blanket. Do you want to snuggle your blanket?”
- Telling a story out loud is just as good as reading one. Make up a story about your child, your daily routine, anything! As your baby listens to the story, she is learning new words and ideas, and how language works.

Toddler

Encourage your child to scribble or color alongside you. Ask them to describe their picture, and add your own words. Talk about color, size, shapes, or texture.

Support imaginative thinking by asking open-ended questions or phrases.

- “What do you want to play today?”
- “Where do you think that car is going?”
- “Tell me a story about a pickle.”

Preschool

Practice beginning sounds by asking your child to find or name certain objects. Also use colors, sizes, or positional words, like on the table or under the chair, to give clues.

- “I spy something that is blue and starts with a s-s-s sound. . . .”

Show your child that letters and words can describe something. Write out meaningful words or phrases for your child — their name, names of friends, pets, or other family members, I love you. Encourage them to try writing it out, too!