

Early Talk Builds Early Literacy

Support early literacy development from birth ... just by talking!



1. Turn everyday conversations into brain-building moments.

When your child babbles or talks, respond! Back-and-forth interactions help children learn new words, recognize sounds, and improve listening skills.

2. Make story time fun.

Encourage your child to use their imagination! Ask questions about the story. Use silly voices. Make the story come alive to grow your child's love for reading!

3. Play with sounds.

Help your child learn how sounds work together to make words. Make simple rhymes. Point out when words begin with the same sound. Clap or jump to the beats in a word!

4. Add words to playtime.

New words are easier to understand and remember in context. When your child is playing, add words!
"That fire truck is fast!"
"The red ball feels soft."

5. Practice "writing."

Even if it's just scribbling, "writing" helps toddlers and preschoolers share thoughts and emotions. Ask questions and provide words to help your child describe their writing to you.

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