



Early Reading Activities You Can Do At Home

Print awareness

Read aloud daily
Let your child see you writing (grocery lists, phone messages)
Provide your child with writing materials and opportunities to draw/write daily (scribbling, drawing, writing)
Point to words while reading (left to right, top to bottom)
Help your child recognize his/her own name
Point out signs and symbols in the environment – stop sign, Publix, K-Mart, McDonalds
Read words from household items – cereal box, milk carton, cookie package

Knowledge of letter names

Teach your child the letters in his/her own name
Help your child recognize his/her own name in print
Teach your child the letters in the names of family members
Provide alphabet magnets, alphabet books, alphabet puzzles, play-doh and alphabet cookie cutter
Provide alphabet posters
Sing the alphabet song

Knowledge of letter sounds

Tell your child the beginning sound of familiar words such as:
- his/her own name and the names of family members
- favorite foods (apple, banana, carrot)
- popular animals (dog, elephant, lion, tiger)

Picture naming

Read aloud daily
Look through picture books
Discuss pictures in books and magazines
Introduce/build new vocabulary (soccer ball, telephone, zebra)
Visit your local library
Provide enriching experiences: visit the zoo, park, beach, and museums and talk about what you did and saw

Rhyming

Recite nursery rhymes
Sing songs
Read poems
Talk about words that rhyme – “tree/bee”, “red/bed”, “cat/hat”

Beginning sound recognition

While reading point out pictures with matching beginning sounds – cat/car, turtle/tiger
In conversation talk about words with the same beginning sound – ball/baby, doll/door