

WEBSITES TO USE AT HOME

www.starfall.com

www.learningplanet.com

www.pbskids.org

www.rif.org/readingplanet

www.sesamestreet.org/games

www.seussville.com

www.scholastic.com/kids

www.funbrain.com

www.primarygames.org

www.storyplace.org/storyplace.asp

For more websites please visit <http://guest.portaportal.com/ashnicwill>. This website has a variety of links to websites your child can use for any subject they are studying. There are also several links to websites that offer books online that your child can practice reading.

Reading is Fun!

A Parent Guide to Early Literacy

For the four to five year old child



What is Reading All About? Here are some things you can do that will enhance your child's:

1. Vocabulary
2. Letter Knowledge
3. Awareness about Words in Print
4. Rhyming, Letter Sounds, and Knowledge of Word Structure
5. Motivation to Read
6. Understanding of Book and Story Structure

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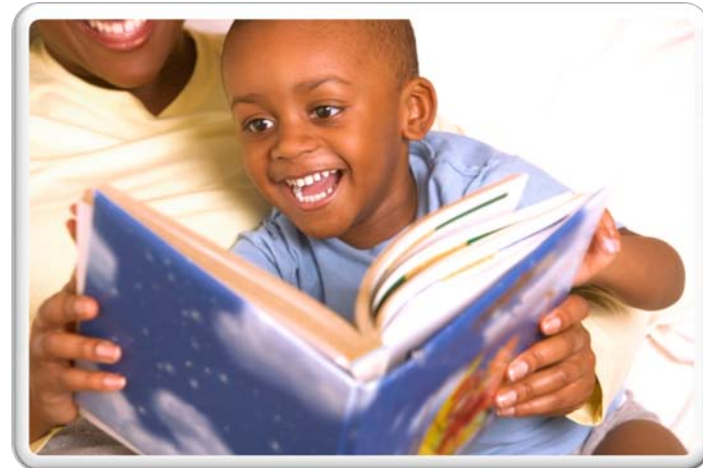


Learning Together

Vocabulary

Oral Language

- Talk about feelings and ideas. Make sure to have conversations about the things you see around you.
- Read together as often as possible. When you read your child hears and learns more words.
- Learn together by reading non-fiction books on subjects your child likes.



Getting Your Child to Want to Read

Print Motivation

- Make book reading time a special time for you and your child.
- Let your child see you reading. This shows them that you enjoy and value reading.
- Take trips to your local library.
- **If your child enjoys reading they will want to do it more often.**

Did you know that the more words your child knows the more they will be able to recognize and understand them when they read!

Other Fun Activities to Do

- When working in the kitchen ask your child to spell words out on the refrigerator with magnetic letters.
- Buy alphabet cookies and before your child eats one have them say what letter it is or what sound it says.
- Play the game "I Spy", You can do this inside or outside. This kind of language game builds vocabulary.
- Give your child an old magazine, or flyer circle a letter and have your child circle a matching letter.
- Say a word and have your child clap out how many syllables they hear.
- As you read a book point out a word and have your child name a word that rhymes with it.
- Say a word aloud like "dog" ask your child what sounds they hear in the word. They should be able to break apart the word and say /d/ /o/ /g/.
- Have all sorts of pencils, crayons, and markers available for your child to use for writing. Together write a sentence about something you did that day. Encourage your child to use the letters and sounds they know or have learned in school.

Did you know that children who have an understanding of rhyming, letter sounds and word structure have an easier time learning to read?

Kindergarten Popcorn Words

like me do they

are there who good

she give that and

the my he out

a come this want

I look here up

go to you two

for where one see

we down what little

Letters and Sounds

Letter Knowledge

Recognizing Letters and Sounds

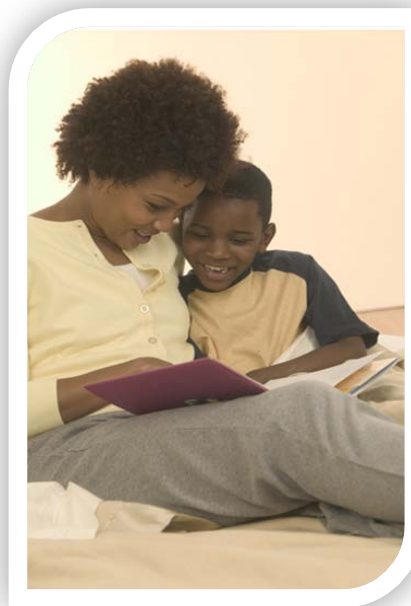
- Make letters from clay or use magnetic letters.
- Go on a letter hunt. Check cereal boxes, newspapers, flyers, etc. and see how many times the letter appears.
- Have your child use a finger to trace a letter while saying its sound.
- Point out and name letters while reading.
- Point out that the same letter can look different, but that it is still the same.
- Help your child learn the names of letters and their sounds by making a game out of it by saying "M says ____" or "I'm thinking of a letter and it says the sound mmmmmm"

Working with Sounds in Words

Phonological Awareness

- Ask if words rhyme, playing a game "dog rhymes with ____" or "does cat and hat rhyme?"
- Take words apart for instance you can say "What word would we have if you took 'cow' away from 'cowboy'?"
- Sing songs.
- Read poems or rhymes together. Make up short rhymes or poems together.





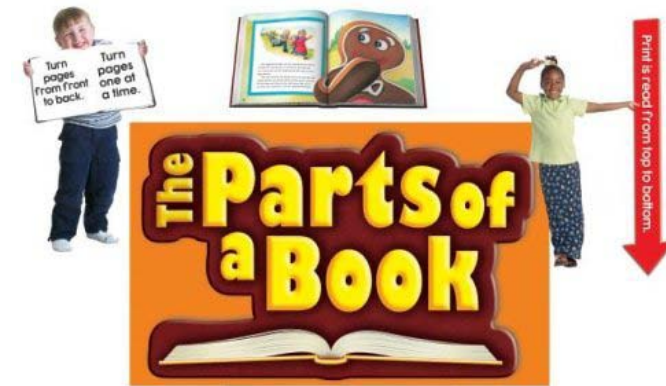
10 Recommended Books to Read

1. Harold and the Purple Crayon
by: Crockett Johnson
2. The Very Hungry Caterpillar
by: Eric Carle
3. Caps For Sale
by: Esphyr Slobodkina
4. Where the Wild Things Are
by: Maurice Sendak
5. Ten Apples on Top
by : Theo LeSieg
6. If You Give A Pig A Party
by: Laura Joffe Numeroff
7. The Kissing Hand
by: Audrey Penn
8. The Napping House
by: Audrey Wood
9. Peter's Chair
by: Ezra Jack Keats
10. Five Little Monkeys Swinging in A Tree
By: Eileen Christelow

When writing, help your child organize their thoughts, or plan an approach to an assignment. Writing is the most complicated language skill to master.

Provide many opportunities for children to see that writing is useful and has a purpose.

When It Comes to Reading



Before, During, and After Reading

Narrative Skills

- Read your child's favorite book repeatedly, As you read pause and ask your child what is going to happen in the book.
- Have your child point out things that happened in a story—beginning, middle, and end.
- Let your child read you a familiar story.
- Ask questions as you read such as "What's that?" "Why did he do that?"
- Have your child predict what will happen next in a story.

All about Words

Print Awareness

- Read aloud signs, billboards, or anything you come across every day. Such as "McDonalds", "Wal-Mart", etc.
- Connect what your child reads with what happens in real life. If the book is about the outdoors relate it to your last camping trip.
- Hold a book upside down when reading, see if your child notices and corrects you.
- Point out that you read from left to right, pointing to words as you read them.
- Ask your child about where to find the title, author, illustrator, cover and title page.