

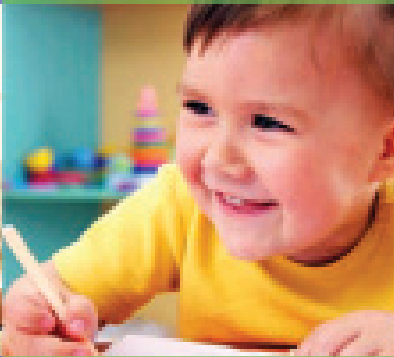
# READ

# PLAY

# SING

# WRITE

# TALK



Reading aloud or shared reading is the best way to prepare a child to reading dependently.

- Make time to read together every day
- Borrow books from your local library.
- Come to Storytime, Baby Time/Tiny Tots programs at the library!

“Today a reader...  
...tomorrow a leader.”  
– Margaret Fuller

Play is learning!

- Encourage your child in play by participating, talking, and listening to your little one.
- Try playing peek-a-boo or patty cake.
- Encourage your child’s imagination by pretending and playing make believe.
- Allow plenty of time for unstructured play.
- Play in the Rise & Shine: Early Literacy Center with your child at the library!

- When you sing or listen to music, your child learns the rhythms of language and becomes aware of the smaller sounds that make words.
- Sing a song while you ride the bus or take a walk together.
- Borrow children’s CDs from the library
- Try singing, rather than reading, a book of children’s poetry or nursery rhymes.
- Attend a Music and Movement Program at the library!

- Allow and encourage your child to scribble and “pretend” to write. This jumpstarts the skills they need to become successful readers and writers.
- Provide lots of paper, crayons, and pencils.
- Talk to your child about their drawings and write captions below their pictures.

- Talk to your baby and young children; they are listening and learning about language.
- Talk about anything and everything, especially your actions – “Now I’m going to tie your shoes!”
- Ask your child to tell you a story or talk about their day.
- Borrow wordless books from the library
- Talk about the pictures and narrate the story of the illustrations.