PROMOTING LITERACY:
Everyday Activities that Support Children’s Early Reading and Writing Development

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Promote Literacy by...

- showing you value reading and writing.
- talking with your child to build knowledge and language.
- engaging in reading activities with your child.
- engaging in writing activities with your child.
Show You Value Reading and Writing to Support Early Literacy
Show you value literacy by...

Reading, writing, and having books available at home.
Show you value literacy by...

- **SUPER WHY**
- **WORD GIRL**
- **Sesame Street**
- **Between the Lions**

the TV shows that are allowed.
Show you value literacy by...

- Audiobooks
- Writing materials
- Books

what you carry with you and activities you do to pass time.
Show you value literacy by...

the activities you do and those you do together.
Your Turn

How do you show your children you value literacy?
Talk to Support Early Literacy
Talk to build language and knowledge...
Your Turn

How do/could you build language and knowledge at the grocery store?
Talk to draw children’s attention to symbols, words and print...
Your Turn
Talk and sing to play with language

Nursery Rhymes

Songs for Children

Poems

Finger Plays
Ten Fingers  A fingerplay
I have ten fingers  hold up hands, fingers spread
And they all belong to me,  point to self
I can make them do things–
Would you like to see?
I can shut them up tight  make fists
I can open them wide  open hands
I can put them together  place palms together
I can make them all hide  put hands behind back
I can make them jump high  hands over head
I can make them jump low  touch floor
I can fold them up quietly  fold hands in lap
And hold them just so.

Your Turn
Reading Activities to Support Early Literacy
Read Aloud to Develop a Love of Reading
Read Aloud to Develop Knowledge of How Books Work

- Let children turn the pages
- Point to the words
- Occasionally run your finger under the words
- Make associations between the words and pictures
Read Aloud to Develop Knowledge of Print

- Alphabet books
- Rhyming books
- Nursery Rhymes

Your Turn

Nursery Rhymes
Read Aloud to Develop Vocabulary and Knowledge

- Read different types of books
- Ask questions during reading
- Talk about the information or the characters
- Talk about the words
- Model your thinking during reading

Your Turn

Asking Questions using the Information Book Pages
Writing Activities to Support Early Literacy
Provide Opportunities for Early Writing

Drawing

Copying

Letter-like Forms

Scribbling
Provide Opportunities for Early Writing

Names List

Letter Strings

Invented Spelling with reversals
Science Writing with Invented Spelling

We can talk cer ur. The chick walk and rest and exsists. We hold a chick it wuz bun! It wuz fuze!
Start with Your Child’s Name

- Magnetic Letters
- Name Puzzles
- Writing Materials
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Playdough and shaving cream
Start with Your Child’s Name

Your Turn

Make a Name Puzzle
RECAP: Promoting Literacy Development at Home

- **Talk Promotes Literacy Development**
  - Talk supports language development.
  - Talk supports knowledge of the world.
  - Talk supports knowledge of books and print concepts.

- **Reading Promotes Literacy Development**
  - Reading aloud supports vocabulary and language learning.
  - Reading aloud supports knowledge of how books work.
  - Reading aloud supports print knowledge.
  - Reading aloud supports a love of books and desire to read.

- **Writing at Home Promotes Literacy Development**
  - Writing supports development of concepts about print.
  - Writing names supports letter sound associations.
  - Writing for meaningful purposes supports interest in words and print.
Questions