

Tips to Encourage Early Literacy Skills!

- Read together every day. This shows your child that reading and spending time together is important.
- Always make reading together a warm and happy experience, whether you cuddle up together at bedtime, or read for a few moments during playtime.
- Talk about what you see in a book. Look at the pictures and encourage your child to describe what they see.
- Let your child see you reading. They will want to do what you do.
- Point out words everywhere you see them – on signs, labels, and even at the grocery store. Show your child how you use print every day.
- Sing songs with your child. Finding the rhythm helps break bigger words into smaller parts.
- Take your child to the library regularly. Libraries are a wonderful place to find books, music and so much more!



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The **Every Child Ready to Read @ your library** initiative provides information for parents and caregivers of children newborn to age five.

Winnipeg Public Library uses this information to develop programs and to share with parents and caregivers the five simple early literacy practices.

For more information, visit:
www.everychildreadytoread.org

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5 early literacy practices to get ready to read – from birth!

Early Literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write.

Early literacy skills are the roots of reading success -- and it is never too early to plant the seed!

Children prepare to read long before they enter school. In fact, early literacy skills begin to develop right from birth. A child's positive early experiences with books and language lay the foundation for success in learning to read.

There is so much you can do to help build reading readiness. Talk, sing, read, write and play with your child. Share books together every day and have fun reading!

SING

Singing and rhyming are great for learning the sounds of letters which helps prepare children to decode print.

TALK

Talking with children helps develop language skills and stimulates brain development.

READ

Reading aloud is the most effective way to help children become good readers.

WRITE

Writing helps children learn that letters and words stand for sounds and that print has meaning.

PLAY

Children learn about the world when they play. The more they learn, the more they understand books and stories when they begin to read.

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