



Early Reading

Talk with your child as much as possible. Take turns in conversation and encourage whole sentence answers. Do not over correct their grammar or language, instead repeat it back to them correctly (this is called modelling).

Nursery Rhymes are rich in Language. Encourage your child to learn them and say them with you and enjoy them. Try leaving off the last word in the line of a familiar rhyme and see if they can fill in the missing word.

When you put your child to bed, allow time to read them a story. Some children like the same story over and over again so be prepared!

Look at books together and encourage your child to predict what will happen next. Run your fingers under the print as you read to your child. Re-tell or act out the story; use puppets or toys for the different characters.

Let your child see you using and enjoying your books. This is key for them to enjoy the books too. Their love of books will be a huge motivation when they are ready to start reading.

Join the local library and make regular visits to choose new books.

Noticing words all around us is another step on the road to reading. Point out labels and road signs. Ask them to look for things in the supermarket. Visual recognition is a very important early reading skill.