

Read with me

Help your child get ready to read.

Reading Together

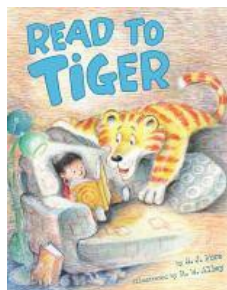
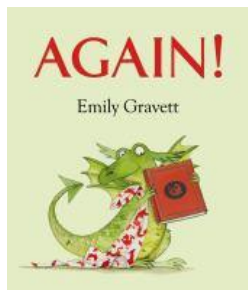
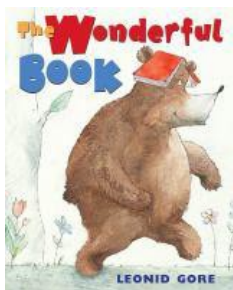
Ideas for Reading with your child

- Keep baskets of books stashed throughout your classroom to encourage reading throughout the day
- Swap out titles regularly to provide a steady supply of fresh new books
- Label things that your students use every day so they get used to associating the word with the item
- When you see signs, point them out to your students and tell them what the sign says

Resources for Reading with Children

- Check out the Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy awards for recommended picture books
 - <http://www.clel.org/bell-awards-winners>
- Tumble Books has virtual picture books that you and your child can share together
 - <http://asp.tumblebooks.com/Home.aspx?categoryID=13>
- Make use of the Friends of the Library used book store: The Book Nook
 - <http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/departments/library/get-involved/friends/>
- Get advice from the Best Beginnings website about how to share books with children
 - <http://www.bestbeginningsalaska.org/activities-resources/early-learning-tips/sharing-books>
- PBS has some great tips for caregivers wanting to incorporate literacy activities into each day
 - <https://www.pbs.org/parents/learn-grow/all-ages/literacy>
- Reading is Fundamental has lots of resources for educators and parents. Here are a few:
 - <https://www.rif.org/literacy-central>
 - https://www.rif.org/sites/default/files/Support_Materials/GrowthChartGrowingUpReading.pdf

Our Top Five Picture Books for Young Readers About Books



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Writing Together

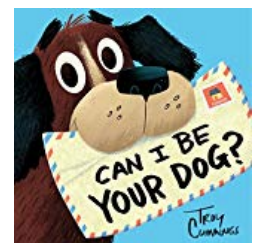
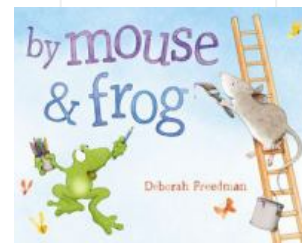
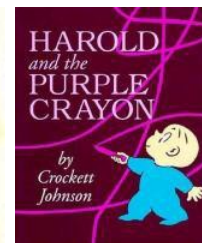
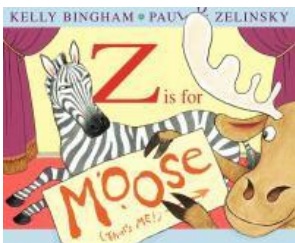
Ideas for Writing with your children

- Make a Squishy Slate out of pudding inside a plastic bag for an erasable (and delicious) writing surface
- Create opportunities to strengthen hands and build fine motor skills with clay, stickers, and beads
- Provide a variety of inviting materials to children can use to make marks, including crayons, markers, stamps, colored pencils, colored pens, chalk, and paintbrushes
- Provide a variety of inviting materials that children can make marks on, including rocks, fences, sidewalks, colored papers, recycled papers, envelopes, and Post-It notes
- Write a child's name on a blank piece of paper and then let them decorate it
- Help children sign all their artwork
- Have your children tell you the story of what their picture is about, and then write it at the bottom for them

Resources for Writing with Children

- Check out the Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy awards for recommended picture books
 - <http://www.clel.org/bell-awards-winners>
- Learn the 5 stages of scribbling from Zero to Three
 - <http://www.zerotothree.org/early-care-education/early-language-literacy/writing-and-art-skills.html>
- Find out from PBS how to create a literate home by including writing materials around the house
 - <https://www.pbs.org/parents/learn-grow/all-ages/literacy>

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Singing Together

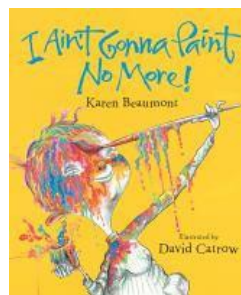
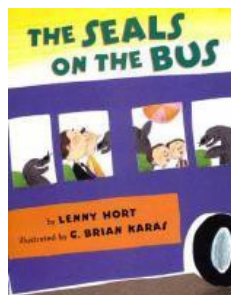
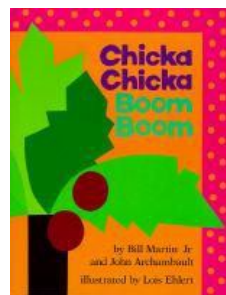
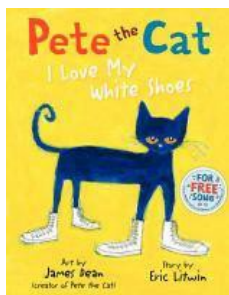
Ideas for Singing with your child

- Make up simple songs for activities you do every day, and sing them regularly with your children
- Make up songs to help children learn to spell simple words or their names
- Make up hand motions to go along with any song you sing – this helps children participate even before they can speak

Resources for Singing with Children

- Check out the Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy awards for recommended picture books
 - <http://www.clel.org/bell-awards-winners>
- King County Library System has lots of fingerplay videos in their "Tell Me a Story" series
 - <https://kcls.org/content/>
- Check out the Library's collection of CDs, or download free music every week from Freegal
 - <https://roundrocktexas.freegalmusic.com/home>
- Sing along with children's books as arranged by Emily Arrow
 - <http://www.emilyarrow.com/videos>

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Talking Together

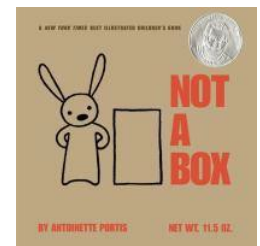
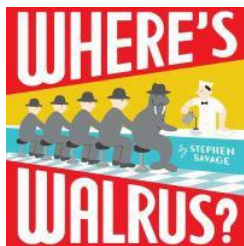
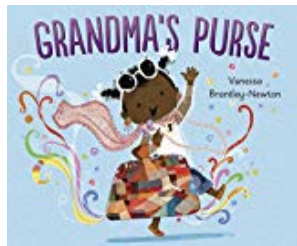
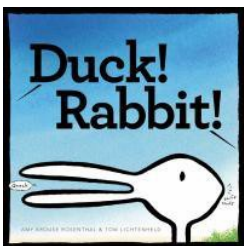
Ideas for Talking with your child

- Tell your children about what you are going to do today
- Tell your children stories about important events from their past—visitors, meals, activities
- Ask your children open ended questions about the things you see and do together
- Help your children tell stories of their own through puppets, stuffed animals, or drawings
- Make up stories and rhymes about new places and things your children may not have seen before

Resources for Talking with Children

- Check out the Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy awards for recommended picture books
 - <http://www.clel.org/bell-awards-winners>
- Learn why talking is important and how to do it from Best Beginnings
 - <http://www.bestbeginningsalaska.org/why-the-30-million-word-gap-is-so-important>
- Support your child's communication skills with ideas from Zero to Three
 - <http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/early-language-literacy/helping-learn-to-talk.html>
- The Urban Child Institute has tips for parents on learning to talk (and listen!) to children
 - <http://www.urbanchildinstitute.org/articles/editorials/talking-children-up>

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Playing Together

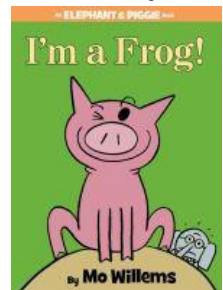
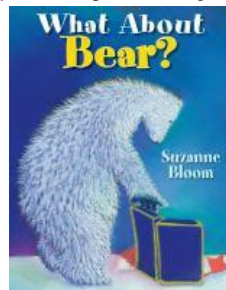
Ideas for Playing with your child

- Create a box full of props and costumes – use old clothes and fabric to encourage creative play
- Give cardboard boxes to your children to play with – one of the best free toys on the planet
- Make sure children have plenty of time and space for different kinds of play – from running and jumping to sitting quietly while drawing or building

Resources for Playing with Children

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- Learn what your baby is learning during playtime with Zero to Three
 - <http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/play/>
- Zero to Three has a whole year of seasonal activities to help you find new ways to play
 - <http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/play/play-year.html>
- Learn why Play is more than just a pastime from the Urban Child Institute
 - <http://www.urbanchildinstitute.org/articles/editorials/play-is-more-than-just-a-pastime>

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