

Talk. Play. Read!

Every day, there are fun and easy ways to help your child build a lifelong love of reading.

Talk.

- ✓ Ask questions! Try asking about words that rhyme, like “What word rhymes with car?”
- ✓ Follow your child’s lead. If they seem interested in a book or topic, keep talking about it!
- ✓ If you watch a movie or TV show together, talk to your child about what you’re watching. Ask, “What do you think will happen next?”

Play.

- ✓ Try a game of I Spy! “I spy with my little eye something beginning with the sound ‘f-f-f-f.’ What do you think it is?”
- ✓ Ask your child to play rhyming games on the bus, on the subway, or in the car. “I rhyme with mat. I am a...”
- ✓ Play board games like Scrabble, or write letters on a piece of paper and see what words your child can make.



Read!

- ✓ Visit your local library to read together or take home books. Sign up for a free library card!
- ✓ Read books out loud together, in any language. Choose books your child is interested in.
- ✓ When you’re out together, ask if your child can sound out words on store fronts and street signs.

For more tips and free reading resources visit
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