

Tips to Encourage Your Child's Early Literacy Skills!

- Read with your child 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 down into smaller parts.
- Take your child to the library regularly. Libraries are a wonderful place to find books and so much more!



Winnipeg Public Library can help you strengthen your child's early literacy skills. As a library member, you have access to a vast assortment of books, magazines, music, films, and more. Drop by your local library branch to ask about getting a FREE library card today!

For a fun and playful way to build your child's early literacy skills, register for Winnipeg Public Library's story time. Enjoy interactive songs, rhymes, puppets, and books, all while preparing your child for reading success! Visit our website at winnipeg.ca/library to learn more.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

-- Dr. Seuss

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There are six early literacy skills that your child can start learning 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. Your child's early experiences with books and language lay the foundation for success in learning to read – and as a parent, there is so much that you can do to help your child build reading readiness.

Talk, sing and tell stories with your child! Share books together every day, and have fun with reading. Just by talking to, playing with, and caring for your child, you are helping your child develop the skills necessary to become a reader.

Tell a Story!

Learning to tell a story helps children develop thinking and comprehension skills.

Have Fun With Books!

Children who enjoy books will want to learn to read.

Learn About Print!

Being familiar with printed language helps children feel comfortable with books and understand that print is useful.

Learn Your Words!

Knowing many words helps children recognize printed words and understand what they read.

Learn Your ABCs!

Knowing the names and sounds of letters helps children sound out printed words.

Learn About the Sounds of Speech!

Being able to hear the small sounds in words helps children sound out printed words.