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!

GOING TO KINDERGARTEN!

Starting school is an exciting time in your child’s life. You can help your child to be prepared by sharing stories together. You’ll discover many things to talk about in these picture books - from getting ready for the first day to exploring what happens at school. These stories will help introduce your child to kindergarten where learning and fun go together!

Discover more stories by participating in the library’s free pre-school story time programs. For information about locations, schedules and registration, please visit the Library website at winnipeg.ca/library or pick up a copy of the library newsletter, At The Library, available at all branches.
Twenty young students, some eager, some nervous, some grumpy, get ready for their first day of kindergarten.

READY, SET, KINDERGARTEN  
by Paula Ayer
PICTURE AYER
Follow one little girl through everyday activities that help her prepare for her next adventure - the first day of school!

CLIFFORD GOES TO KINDERGARTEN  
by Norman Bridwell
PICTURE BRIDWELL
Clifford joins Emily Elizabeth for her first day of kindergarten!

MONKEY: NOT READY FOR KINDERGARTEN  
by Marc Brown
PICTURE BROWN
Kindergarten is approaching and Monkey worries he won’t be able to remember the alphabet or make any friends. Luckily, there’s a week left before school and Monkey’s family is happy to help him get ready.

ADVENTURE ANNIE GOES TO KINDERGARTEN  
by Toni Buzzeo
X BUZZEO
Annie Grace looks for adventure in every activity at school. Though she might not follow the Gold Star rules exactly, she still manages to save the day.

THE BEST THING ABOUT KINDERGARTEN  
by Jennifer Lloyd
PICTURE LLOYD
It’s graduation day, and Mrs. Appleby asks her class “What’s the best thing about kindergarten?” Everyone has a different answer, including Mrs. Appleby!

KITTY CAT, KITTY CAT ARE YOU GOING TO SCHOOL?  
by Bill Martin Jr.
PICTURE MARTIN
On the first day of school, Kitty Cat learns about playing, snack time and listening to stories.

PETIT LAPIN BLANC: LE PREMIER JOUR D’ÉCOLE  
par Marie-France Floury
M FLOURY
Petit Lapin Blanc est inquiet de faire son entrée à la maternelle, mais la journée se déroule dans la bonne humeur et il a plein de choses à raconter à sa maman qui l’attend à la sortie!

PLANET KINDERGARTEN  
by Sue Ganz-Schmitt
PICTURE GANZ-SCHMITT
Get your explorer gear ready and go where no young hero has gone before… Planet Kindergarten!

MISSION: BACK TO SCHOOL: TOP-SECRET INFORMATION  
by Susan Hood
PICTURE HOOD
The secret agents have an exciting new mission: back to school! After gathering at the checkpoint (bus stop) they follow their new instructions and navigate the first day of school.

SUPER SAURUS SAVES KINDERGARTEN  
by Deborah Underwood
PICTURE UNDERWOOD
The evil genius Zorgo (otherwise known as Mr. Zachary) will never stop Arnold! That’s because Arnold is ... SUPER SAURUS! No kindergarten in the universe can hold him.

IS YOUR BUFFALO READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?  
by Audrey Vernick
X VERNICK
Your buffalo is growing up and it’s finally time for school, but he’s got the first day of school jitters. Is he ready for kindergarten? Is kindergarten ready for him?

NINJA BOY GOES TO SCHOOL  
by N. D. Wilson
PICTURE WILSON
Get ready for kindergarten, ninja-style!

LA RENTRÉE DE PAPA  
par Mike Wohnoutka
M WOHNOUTKA
Le jour de la rentrée, Olivier est fin prêt, mais son papa, lui, est anxieux… Une satire de l’angoisse de séparation qui atteint ici bien plus le parent que l’enfant, heureux de cette nouvelle aventure.

Talk Sing Read Write Play

Children who enjoy being read to are more likely to want to learn to read themselves.