KINDERGARTEN Literacy

Reading to Children

- Reinforces lifelong learning
- Creates a positive attitude toward reading
- Models a desire for the child to learn how to read
- Enlarges vocabulary
- Improves listening skills
- Allows for nurturing and shared experiences
- Demonstrates connections between oral and written language
- Sparks imagination

Tips for Busy Parents

- Put books in places where your child will see them
  - Carry books along on outings
- Keep books and magazines in your child’s room
  - Have your child help with the grocery list
  - Read road signs
  - Get taped recordings of books

As you are reading to your children:

- Have your child predict what the story will be about from the title and/or pictures
- Count objects in the book
- Find certain letters of the alphabet on a page
- Act out the story or retell the story when it is finished
- Tell your favorite part
- Talk about other books that have been read that remind you of this book
- Talk about what you learned from the book
- Read and recite nursery rhymes
- Read alphabet books

Ways to Encourage Writing

- Give your child markers or unlined paper and pencils
- Give your child a blackboard and chalk
- Draw pictures for or with your child
- Write messages to your child
- Show your child things you write
- Label your child’s possessions
- Make alphabet books
- Put magnetic letters on the refrigerator