

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

