



Literacy Begins at Birth



Early Literacy... so much to talk about

Cuddling, singing, talking, and playing with your child builds a reader because it promotes healthy social-emotional development and provides an opportunity for learning words, grammar patterns, and rhythms. It also introduces the world of reading as something that is fun.

The Children's Movement of Florida

When you are bathing your child or changing your child's diaper talk about what you are doing, talk about what you did that day, share the joy you feel when you are together. This allows your child to hear lots of sounds and words, which is how he or she will learn the language you speak and begin to make those sounds.

Read to your child each day; hold them close in your lap and read from your favorite children's book. The rhythm of a story is different than the rhythm of your voice when you are talking and if your child is awake, share the pictures too. This connects the reading of books to a positive connection and experience with you.

As your child grows, he or she may want to move around instead of sitting – it is OK, just keep reading. Children can still listen, even as they move around. In fact, some who have a strong need to be on the move, listen better when they are in motion!

Name the pictures in books and then make a connection to objects in your child's "real" life. For example, after you see a picture of a school bus in a story, you can point to one going down the street in your neighborhood.

Ask questions as you read, such as where is the caterpillar? Yes, even to very young children, then point to the picture and say, "here's the caterpillar". You are your child's first teacher and soon he or she will be pointing to the pictures you name and beginning to say the words.

Most important, enjoy each day with your child and embrace the learning journey together!



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