



TIPS FOR RAISING A YOUNG READER

There are many ways you can help your young reader develop skills that will set them up for success in kindergarten and beyond. Here are a few tips to develop key early literacy skills in the comfort of your own home.

Read aloud books that have rhyming words and repeated phrases. Reread these often and invite your child to join in on the words they know.



Talk about the parts of a book. Point out the cover, title, author, illustrator, and the difference between text and illustrations. Point out that text moves from left to right.



Sing together! Singing nursery rhymes and songs help develop your child's knowledge of rhyming words, vocabulary and knowledge of letter sounds.

Build your child's knowledge of the alphabet. Sing the ABC's. Play 'I Spy' and look for specific letters. Have your child identify the letters in their name.



Use household objects to build knowledge of letter sounds. For example, hold up the pen, and ask, "What sound do you hear at the beginning of pen? What letter makes that sound?"



Have your child spot words they know anywhere they can. Read a cereal box, instructions for a game, or the news on TV. Opportunities to practice reading are everywhere!



Cut out letters from a newspaper. Use these letters to build words, change a letter to make a new word, or take apart a word and practice the letter sounds.

DOG

Read aloud to your child every day. Set aside time to enjoy a story together and talk about what you've read.



Read the pictures! Invite your child to tell a story based on the illustrations in the books you read.

