Read with your child. It is one of the most important things you can do for them! It’s never too early to start.

Read lots of books.

Point out letters and practice their sounds.

Go to the library.

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It is important for your child to scribble and draw. It helps them get ready to write.

- Draw pictures.
- Give paper and crayons to your child.
- Trace letters.

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EASY TO DO WHEREVER YOU ARE IT TAKES NO TIME AT ALL
Songs help your child learn new words. When you sing together, your child hears more sounds.

Sing in the car, while getting dressed, or on a walk.

Dance and clap along to music.

Get music for free at the library.

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Your child learns when they play.
Playing teaches your child about the world.

Tell a story with puppets or dolls.
Play make-believe games.
Play at the library.

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When your child talks and listens, they are learning words. Talking helps your child get ready to read.

Encourage your child to talk to you.
Ask your child questions.
Ask your child to talk about what they are seeing, doing, and feeling.

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