

THERE ARE **5**
SIMPLE STEPS YOU
CAN DO WITH YOUR
CHILD TO CREATE
EARLY LITERACY AND
LEARNING SUCCESS!

TAKING A FEW
MINUTES EACH DAY
TO **READ, WRITE,**
SING, PLAY, AND
TALK WITH YOUR
CHILD MAKES A
BIG DIFFERENCE
IN THEIR LIVES!

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READ

Share books with your child—it's never too early to start! Creating a love of reading will help your child learn for the rest of their lives!

- Point to pictures in the book and ask your child questions about the images or story.
- Borrow books for free from your library. They have books for all ages!
- Point to letters and words as you see them throughout your day.



WRITE

Using finger muscles helps your child get ready to write, even before they can hold a pencil!

- Play-Doh and puzzles help strengthen finger muscles.
- Draw with your child or give them crayons to scribble on paper.
- Older kids can trace letters on paper or practice outside with chalk.



SING

Songs help your child hear the sounds of words and build vocabulary!

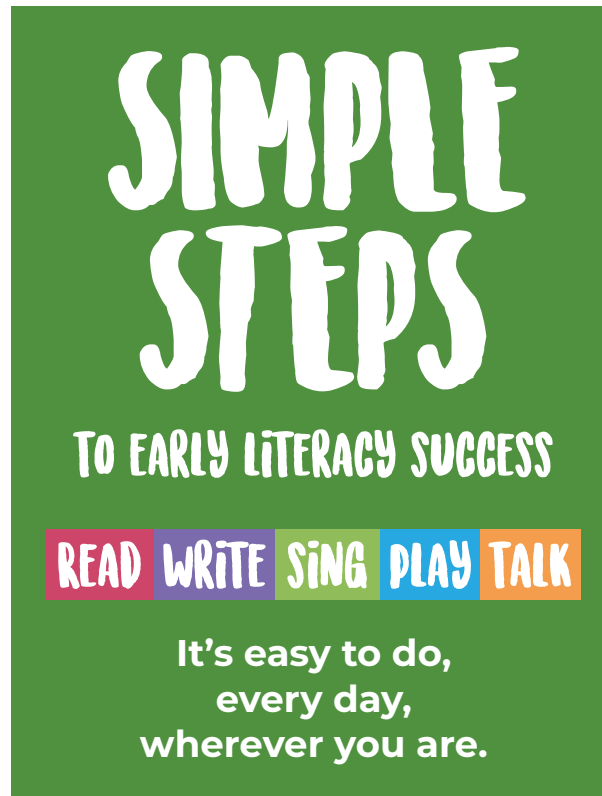
- Sing throughout the day as you get ready, while driving, or as part of bedtime.
- Clap to the beat and sing songs over and over again. Repetition is great for kids!
- Kids don't care if you sing beautifully. Don't be afraid to get silly!



PLAY

Your child is developing creativity, vocabulary, and social skills when they play!

- Go outside to play.
- Attend storytimes or other programs at your library.
- Play pretend and encourage your child to create their own story.



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**It's easy to do,
every day,
wherever you are.**



TALK

Asking questions and talking with your child helps them learn new words and prepares them for reading!

- Ask your child questions throughout the day, even if they cannot yet respond.
- Ask what they are seeing, doing, and feeling.
- Talk about what is happening around you as you go about your day.