

## FAMILY LITERACY AT HOME

### TIPS FOR PARENT-CHILD LITERACY AT HOME

#### BIRTH -TWO YEARS OLD

##### **TALKING SET THE STAGE FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING. SHOWER YOUR LITTLE ONES WITH WORDS AND ACTIONS.**

It is a well-established fact that children start learning language before they can read. They actively observe the movement of your lips and listen to the sounds in their environment. As a significant amount of information is constantly fed into their brain, it is crucial for parents to aid their children's language development by providing meaning to the information they are receiving.

**TALK, TALK, TALK** – It is important to talk to your child about your daily activities and their own actions throughout the day. This can be as simple as narrating what you are doing during a diaper change or mealtime. By doing so, your child can associate words with actions and develop a better understanding of their surroundings. This can help them with language development and cognitive skills.

**SING, SING, SING** – Sing songs and play songs throughout the day. Rhyming like Peek-a-Boo, Itsy bitsy spider, five little ducks. Watch your child's response and model their actions and sounds. Rhyming helps your child hear different sounds of language.

**TOUCH AND FEEL** – Children love to touch things that feel different. Cut out letters using different materials and let your child touch and feel their names. Use things like playdoh, cereal, cardboard cutout, fabric to introduce different texture. Your child will have fun running their fingers over the letters of their name.

##### **BOOKS SET THE STAGE FOR CONNECTION AND ADVENTURE. WHEN A CHILD SEE IMAGES AND COLORS ON A PAGE, THEIR IMAGINATION BECOME ACTIVATED AND THEIR CURIOUS ARE AWAKEN.**

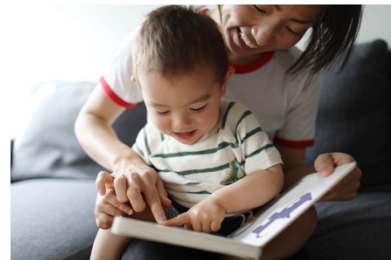
**READ, READ, READ** – Young children love listening to the sound of their parent's voice, and will think reading is your special time together. Grab a book and snuggle with your child.

##### **LOOK FOR BOOKS THAT:**

- Have bold pictures in black or bright colors.
- Have fewer words and colorful pictures.
- Made of different texture like cloth, vinyl, felt, etc.
- Have songs, rhymes, and repeated phrases that are fun to hear.

##### **OTHER WAYS TO INCORPORATE LITERACY AT HOME**

- Use other objects to make letters like cereal, playdoh, popsicle sticks, paper and crayon, water painting.
- Use these to spell out your child's name or spell something as easy as (no, yes, we, go).



**REMEMBER, THERE IS NO APP THAT CAN REPLACE YOUR LAP**