



The ABC's of Literacy

- A**ct out a story with your child.
- B**abies enjoy looking at pictures with bright colors and faces.
- C**onnect what happens in the book to your child's life.
- D**ecide to make time to share a book with your child every day.
- E**ncourage your child to tell you about their drawings.
- F**ind comfortable places to read.
- G**o for a walk and talk about the signs along the way.
- H**elp your child build language by singing, rhyming and talking every day.
- I**nclude everyone in sharing family stories.
- J**ump in and play with your child.
- K**eep TV time to no more than one hour a day.
- L**et your child see you reading and writing.
- M**ake a batch of cookies and count how many there are.
- N**ewborns benefit from reading too.
- O**pen a book and make up a story using just the pictures.
- P**lay a game together.
- Q**uestions your child asks help her learn.
- R**ecognize and reward your child's early attempts at reading and writing.
- S**cribbles are the first step in becoming a writer.
- T**ell your child stories about your day.
- U**se events that happen every day to teach your child about the world.
- V**isit your local library and let your child choose a book.
- W**rite a letter or a shopping list together.
- 'X**pect your child to be active. Count how many times they can hop or jump.
- Y**our child loves to hear you talk, sing and read with him.
- Zzz** – a good time to read can be just before bed.

