

Everyday actions get your child ready to read



There are countless things you can do at home to prepare your child to learn to read. And the earlier he sees that he will enjoy reading and learning, the better! To develop your child's enthusiasm for reading:

- **Make books a fun part of daily life.** Read together in new and interesting places. Have frequent conversations about the stories and pictures you see.
- **Talk about the illustrations in books.** Ask your child which are similar and different in shape and color. This will help him begin to recognize the shapes of letters and words once he begins reading.
- **Give your child firsthand experiences.** Visit the park and go on a nature walk. Talk about the names of animals, flowers and other things that you see. This builds background knowledge he'll bring to reading.



- **Have fun with the alphabet.** Sing the ABCs together. Encourage your child to play with alphabet blocks.
- **Let your child see you reading.** In addition to the time you spend reading with your child, take time to read on your own. When your child sees you reading, he will see how useful and enjoyable reading is!