



HOW CAN I HELP MY YOUNG CHILD BE A SUCCESSFUL LITERACY LEARNER?

From birth to school days:

- ❖ Sing songs like “Pat-a-Cake” and play with rhymes and jingles such as, “One, Two, Buckle My Shoe”.
- ❖ Read aloud every day and talk about pictures, labels, cereal boxes, signs, logos, stories and words.
- ❖ Play and act out favourite nursery rhymes and stories.
- ❖ Talk about everyday routines such as story time, bath time, chores, shopping, and car rides.
- ❖ Talk about ideas such as food, clothing, toys, books, friends, and pets.
- ❖ Ask thinking questions such as, “Why do you think the boat floats?”
- ❖ Paint and draw together. Label art pieces with words or sentences.
- ❖ Print your child’s name and the names of friends and family.
- ❖ Write simple, short lists such as, “Things I need to take to daycare.”, “Today we will...”.
- ❖ Tell stories about childhood or family experiences.
- ❖ Visit the public library regularly. Talk about the books and videos taken home.
- ❖ Discuss books you have read. Listen to your child talk about a favourite book.
- ❖ Give praise for being a good listener, speaker, observer, artist, reader, and writer.
- ❖ Play board games, card games, and guessing games together.
- ❖ Talk about choices when viewing or using media and devices, such as television, computer, tablets, and phones.

Have Fun! Celebrate Learning!

