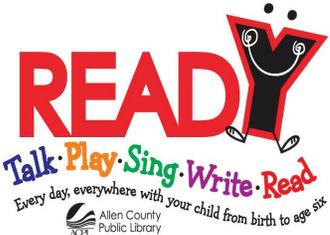


Early literacy is the foundation upon which a reader is built! Stores that have in their window are sponsoring an activity designed to help your child get ready to learn while you **shop**, **talk**, **sing**, **read**, **write** and **play** together!



TALK!	SING!	READ!	WRITE!	PLAY!
<p>Shapes are everywhere, especially in the window at _____. Knowing shapes is a first step in learning the alphabet and is part of geometry.</p> 	<p>We sang at _____. Singing slows down language so children can hear the smaller sounds in words which helps them sound out words when reading.</p>	<p>We looked at signs together at _____. Children need to know that we read words and numbers, not just pictures!</p> 	<p>We wrote an estimate of the number of tea bags in a jar at _____. Estimation can be used for size, quantity, or value.</p> 	<p>We counted socks in the window at _____. It is fun to play with patterns, which are an important part of math.</p> 
<p>We talked about measuring at _____ shoe store. Kids need to know basic information about math to be ready for school.</p> 	<p>“Rub-a-Dub-Dub” was our tune at _____ bath shop. Try a sink/float experiment at home! Talk about what you observe.</p> 	<p>We read a book together at the library. Books have more unusual words than conversation.</p> <p>New words → big vocabulary → good reader!</p>	<p>We wrote our ages in the air after we counted jars in the windows at _____.</p>  <p>Kids need to know what</p>	<p>We played “I Spy Shapes” at _____. Knowing how to describe shapes helps children learn how they are alike and different from one another.</p> 
<p>At _____, we talked about words we use to explain where things are. They are math words too!</p> 	<p>We sang a song together as we walked along _____. This is a great way to spend time together.</p> 	<p>We read a menu at _____. Learning about the order in which things happen is sequencing, an important math idea. (Dessert comes after the main meal.)</p>		<p>We played with blocks at the library. Kids can learn new words and ideas through play.</p> 