It’s never too early to read with your child. Young children who hear books read aloud every day, especially by an adult who loves them, want to learn to read.
You don’t have to read a book to share a book – point at pictures, talk about what you see and make up your own story.

For more reading tips and activities visit: www.EarlierIsEasier.org
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Making the Most of the First Three Years

READ  TALK  PLAY  SING  LAUGH  WRITE

TALK

Hearing lots of words is how children learn language. Make it a two-way conversation. When your child talks or babbles, say something back!

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www.dpp.org
Ask your child questions while you’re doing your daily activities, and then add to what they say. “What color is this?” “Yellow” “Yes, this is a round, yellow melon!”

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SING

Singing slows down language so that children can hear the smaller sounds in words. It also builds memory, attention, vocabulary, and is FUN!

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- ciel Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy
- StoryBlocks: Songs and Rhymes that Build Readers

www.storyblocks.org
Children learn with their whole bodies. Dancing, clapping or gently bouncing along to a song helps them to hear and feel new words.

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Play

Playtime is learning time. Through play, young children learn how the world works.

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www.claytonearlylearning.org
Follow your child’s lead. Babies love to play “peek-a-boo!” Toddlers enjoy pretend play about real life. Pretend to go to the store, on a picnic or to the doctor.

For more playing tips and activities visit: www.EarlierIsEasier.org
LAUGH

Children who feel safe, loved, and HAPPY are better learners! Build a trusting relationship by spending time together laughing, talking, and learning.
Laughter is contagious!
Make your child laugh with silly sounds, a funny dance or by making animal noises.

For more laughing tips and activities visit: www.EarlierIsEasier.org
WRITE

Learning to write is more than just holding a pencil. Young children need to strengthen their fingers and hands by pulling, pounding, grabbing, pinching and squeezing.
Let your child try lots of writing tools – chalk, crayons, painting with water, even making shapes with their finger in shaving cream on the shower wall.

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