

How can you help your child be ready for Kindergarten literacy (reading and writing)?

- ❖ Learn the alphabet and the basic features of letters and words.
 - Sing the alphabet song while pointing to each letter on a ABC chart.
- ❖ Matching letters to sounds and using other methods to figure out unfamiliar words when reading and writing.
 - Focus on making and reading CVC words (sat, hop, pan, etc...).
- ❖ Naming and writing upper- and lowercase letters.
 - Have your child write his/her name correctly.
 - While listening to or singing the alphabet song, have your child write the letters (lower and upper case).
- ❖ Learning and using new words.
 - Talk about things your child is naturally curious about (animals, places, , etc...) and build new words .
- ❖ Identifying words that rhyme.
 - Ask, “Do bed and fed rhyme?”, “Do dog and bone rhyme?”, or “What rhymes with sat?”
 - Read rhyming books.
- ❖ Reading common words such as *the, of, you, are, she and my.*
 - Check out Bob Books from the public library.
 - Read to your child, read with voices together and then let your child try it on his/her own!
- ❖ Asking and answering questions about a story the teacher reads out loud.
 - Read aloud to your child. Ask questions about the story using who, what, when, and where questions.
- ❖ Expressing thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.
 - While listening to a story read aloud ask your child what they think and why.
 - Ask your child why they think what they do. Use the pictures to explain their thinking.
 - I think... because...
 - I like... because...
 - I know... because...
 - I notice... because...
 - I predict... because...