


Ready4K

FAMILY FUN HOUR

"EVERY DAY, EVERY WAY LITERACY"
HOME ACTIVITY GUIDE



EASY
LITERACY
MOMENTS
TO ADD TO
YOUR DAY



IN THE MORNING

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Say "Good Morning!" to the things around you.

"Good morning, shaggy carpet! Good morning, soft pajamas!"

With older kids, they can use descriptive words like, "Good morning, transparent rectangular window!"

The more you talk with your child, the more words they'll hear and learn. This is going to help them understand stories and become strong communicators!



Do a Letter Stretch together!

Challenge your child to make letters with their body. Can they stretch up with their arms to make a V? How about to the sides to make a T? Try L, O, P, and even M. Older children can try to stretch each letter in a word.

A morning letter stretch not only teaches kids letter names, but what letters look like. This will help them recognize letters and write them too!

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Spot letters while getting dressed.

Getting dressed is a great time to look for letters. Each time you spot one, make its sound. Older kids can look for common word endings like -ing or -tion.

Try looking for words on the tags, too!



Learn some BIG, FANCY WORDS!

It's a great time to also start using some BIG, FANCY WORDS to build your child's vocabulary! Don't hold back! During our time together, we learned COLORFUL, TOOL, AUTHOR, and ILLUSTRATOR.

Linking words to your everyday experiences gives them real meaning, and it makes them more memorable.

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IN THE AFTERNOON

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Play word games when you're walking.

A simple game you can play together is "Rhyme What You See." Point out something you walk by, and have your child rhyme as many words as they can!

You might also try saying what you see by talking like robots. For example, if you see a dog, slowly speak each sound in the word. D/O/G. Games like these help kids hear the sounds in words. This is key for reading.

Here's another game idea: have your child take a step every time you say a word with a specific letter. "S-S-Sun, Silly, Swan, Tomato!" Your child should pause on the wrong words. For older kids, challenge them with consonant blends such as SH, CH, BL, or FL!



Find words on signs, labels, and everywhere you go!



When you go to the store, have your child point out letters that they see! Older kids can read words aloud to you. You might also give them a specific word to look out for. If you choose a simple word, like "here" or "the" or "at," they can count the number of times they find it!


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Have a drawing tool kit on hand.

Fill a little box with various drawing utensils and materials, such as pencils, markers, colored paper, and chalk to name a few! You can add some slips of paper that have writing prompts so that your child can grab one whenever they open up the box. For example, "Draw a picture of something you hope to do tomorrow."



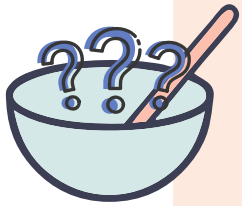


IN THE EVENING

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Describe what you're doing out loud!

Simply describing what you're doing, when you're cleaning or cooking or folding laundry, can build your child's literacy skills! Add lots of detail (and don't forget about those BIG, FANCY WORDS!) to really build their vocabulary and communication skills.



Put mealtime questions into a Conversation Salad.

Mealtime is great for questions and conversations. You'll build listening, communication, and thinking skills. Try making a "conversation salad" by tossing a few open-ended questions into a bowl!

- What would happen if an elephant came over for dinner?
- If you could have a sleepover with an animal, what would you choose and why?
- If a shoe could talk what do you think it would say?

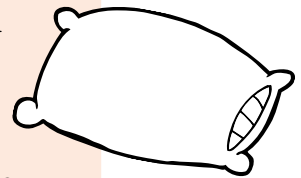
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Read books & create stories together.

Reading books is a wonderful evening activity. Mix up the type of book to build different kinds of literacy skills! Rhyming books build phonemic awareness. Books with only illustrations prompts word association. You can also use books to celebrate different families and cultures. Check out our recommended book list on the next page!

Everyone is also storyteller. You can build a lot of literacy skills if you create stories together. Let your child choose the characters and where it takes place. You can also try using a Ready4K story prompt, or use a book without words to help create a story.





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RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST

- The Lion and Mouse by illustrator Jerry Pinkney
- The Seven Silly Eaters by author Mary Ann Hoberman & illustrator Marla Frazee
- Elephant and Piggie by author and illustrator Mo Willems
- Soñadores (Dreamers) por Yuyi Morales (autor e ilustrador)
- Your Name is a Song by author Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow & illustrator Luisa Uribe
- Please, Puppy, Please by authors Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee & illustrator Kadir Nelson
- Home by author and illustrator Carson Ellis
- Zen Shorts by author and illustrator Jon Muth
- The Little Red Fort by author Brenda Maier & illustrator Sonia Sanchez
- When the Wind Stops by author Charlotte Zolotow & illustrator Stefano Vitale
- La selva de Zonia (Zonia's Rainforest) por Juana Martinez-Neal (autora e ilustradora)
- The Wonderful Fluffy Little Squishy by author and illustrator Beatrice Alemagna
- Sleep Like a Tiger by author Mary Logue & illustrator Pamela Zagarenski
- We are Water Protectors by author Carole Lindstrom & illustrator Michaela Goade
- Yo! Yes? by author and illustrator Chris Raschka
- Last Stop On Market Street by author Matt De La Peña & illustrator Christian Robinson
- Spring is Here by author and illustrator Taro Gomi
- Cross Crocodile by author Mwenye Hadithi & illustrator Adrienne Kennaway
- Pele and Poli'ahu: A Tale of Fire and Ice retold by Malia Collins & illustrator Kathleen Peterson

