## Early Literacy Tips for Families

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| **1** | Talk with Your Child  
Use trips to the grocery store, dinnertime chats, and driving in the car as a time to introduce new words and talk about the world around us. |
| **2** | Exchange Stories  
Tell a great story, and have your child tell you one back! It’s a great way to build oral language and learn new words. |
| **3** | Have Fun with Rhymes  
Sing rhyming songs, read rhyming books, and say tongue twisters with your child. This helps them learn new sounds in words. |
| **4** | Talk About Letters  
Help your child learn the names of the letters and the sounds the letters make. Turn it into a game! For example, you could say, “I’m thinking of a letter and it makes the sound sssssss.” |
| **5** | Keep Books Present  
Your child will be more likely to pick up a book and read if they are out in the open and easy to find. Keep them readily available in the kitchen, car, and other locations where your child spends time. |
| **6** | Read Every Day & Ask Questions  
Reading together for 20 minutes each day, and talking about what you are reading helps children understand what they are reading. |
| **7** | Take Advantage of Available Help  
Select books your child is most interested in reading. Talk with your child’s teacher or a local librarian to find the best books for your child. Visit the library for books, events, and programs like reading clubs. |
| **8** | Be Creative with Writing  
Writing grocery lists and notes or letters helps children connect spoken words to written words. |
| **9** | Introduce Reading Apps  
Your child can practice reading on your phone or tablet at home or on-the-go. |
| **10** | Keep Reading  
Creating a plan to spend quality time reading during school breaks and over the summer can help prevent children from falling behind and ensure they return to school ready to learn. |

Additional resources can be found at  
Cpalms.org  
FloridaEarlyLearning.com  
Fl DOE.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/