

## **The ABC's of Family Literacy**

**A**ct out a story with your child.

**B**abies enjoy looking at pictures with bright colours and faces.

**C**onnect what happens in the book to your child's life.

**D**ecide to make time to share a book with your child every day.

**E**ncourage your child to tell you about their drawings.

**F**ind comfortable places to read.

**G**o for a walk and talk about the signs along the way.

**H**elp your child build language by singing, rhyming and talking every day.

**I**nclude everyone in sharing family stories.

**J**ump in and play with your child.

**K**eep TV time to no more than one hour a day.

**L**et your child see you reading and writing.

**M**ake a batch of cookies and count how many there are.

**N**ewborns benefit from reading too.

**O**pen a book and make up a story using just the pictures.

**P**lay a game together.

**Q**uestions your child asks help her learn.

**R**ecognize and reward your child's early attempts at reading and writing.

**S**cribbles are the first step in becoming a writer.

**T**ell your child stories about your day.

**U**se events that happen every day to teach your child about the world.

**V**isit your local library and let your child choose a book.

**W**rite a letter or a shopping list together.

**'X**pect your child to be active. Count how many times they can hop or jump.

**Y**our child loves to hear you talk, sing and read with him.

**Zzz** – a good time to read can be just before bed.

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