



A Key to Your Child's Development

Literacy begins at birth as children learn about language and first experience words. Babies need to hear and experience language and books to become readers later on. How we interact with our children is key to the development of their literacy skills, and family literacy provides ways to engage the whole family. The Centre for Family Literacy suggests the following activities to get you started (www.famlit.ca):



- It's never too early or too late to talk, sing and read with your children.
- Rhymes, chants, songs and storytelling create a rich environment for language development. Use any language you want!
- Children learn through rhythm, rhyme and repetition.
- Speak with your child rather than at them. Don't forget to listen to what your child has to say whether it is first words or baby's babbling.
- By reading, talking, drawing and scribbling with children, you are helping them develop skills they will use forever.

