

PARENT TIPS

- *Let your child help choose the books you read together. This will help keep your child's Interest.*
- *One of the best ways to encourage a love of reading is to have regular times each day for sharing books with your children. Create one or more special places to read and write that are well lit and comfortable.*
- *Show your child that there are things to read everywhere—the back of the cereal box, toys, fast food restaurants and signs. This helps him/her learn that print is all around them.*
- *Before reading a book with your child, go through the book together and have your child make predictions about what they think is happening in the story based on the pictures.*
- *After reading, ask your child to re-tell the story.*
- *Be a Reading Role Model. Read a lot. Let your child see you read and hear you talk about your books.*
- *And remember, give lots of praise and support!*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Recommended Websites:

www.parentlinkalberta.ca

www.theroadmap.ca

www.pageahead.org/childrens-literacy_tips-for-parents.php

<http://www.familit.org/families>

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Is Your Child Ready For School?



LITERACY SKILLS

Literacy is the foundation for all aspects of learning. Literacy is the ability to read and write and the ability to use language.



SKILLS TO PRACTICE AT HOME

When your child starts Kindergarten he/she should be developing the ability to:

- Sing or say the alphabet
- Recognize letters in the environment and print
- Copy or print their name
- Re-tell a familiar story
- Hold a book and mimic reading behaviors
- Sing songs or recite nursery rhymes
- Read own name, environmental symbols, and signs
- Tell stories
- Make predictions in stories based on the pictures
- Discuss and ask questions about a story
- Look for ways to make the content of the book relevant to his or her life experiences

LITERACY FACTS

- * The foundation of language and literacy skills is laid in early childhood.
- * The ability to connect language sounds to print letters is essential for reading success.
- * With effective reading instruction and reading daily at home, problems with reading can be prevented.
- * Literacy also includes a broader idea of what is text (ie. Media, speech, hypertext, text messaging, symbols etc).
- * Vocabulary development is fundamental to reading achievement and is developed when reading daily at home.



HOW MUCH YOU READ MATTERS!

The average higher-achieving student reads approximately three times as much each week as their lowest achieving classmate. (Allington, 2006)

Daily reading at home clearly leads to success.

Achievement Percentile	Minutes of Reading Per Day (outside of school)	Words Per Year
90th	40.4	2,357,000
50th	12.9	601,00
10th	1.6	51,000

Anderson, RC, et.al, 1988

