

Parent Tips

Let your child 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.

Before reading a book with your child, go through the book together and have your child make predictions about what he/she thinks 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

Free Apps:

ABC Phonics

Letterschool Lite

First Words

iWW Lite

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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 Practise 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 his/her name
- Re-tell a familiar story
- Hold a book and mimic reading behaviours
- 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

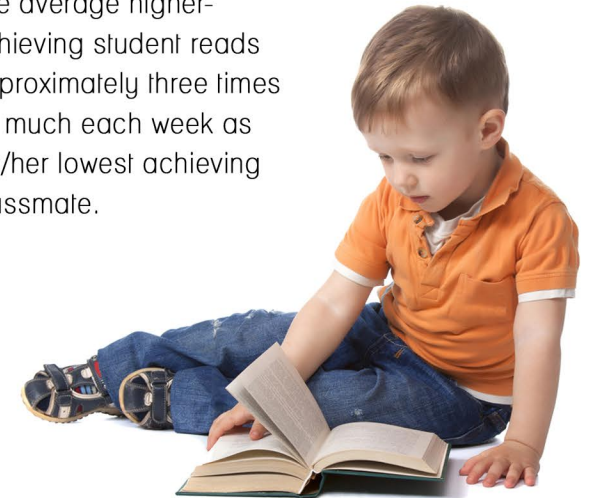
Literacy Facts

- The foundation of language and literacy skills begins in early childhood.
- The ability to connect language sounds to printed letters is essential for reading success.
- With effective reading instruction and daily reading at home, problems with reading can be prevented.
- Literacy also includes a broader idea of what is text (i.e. 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 his/her lowest achieving classmate.



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	601,000
10th	1.6	51,000

Anderson, RC, et. al, 1988