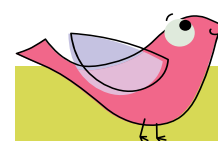




Talk Together TIMES

ACTIVITIES
2-3 YEARS

From day one, EVERYDAY CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD LEAD TO READING LATER ON.



NEWS FLASH

SMALL TALK EQUALS BIG LEARNING

AMAZING BUT TRUE

You Can Teach Your Child to Read Without Turning a Page

Reading street signs, labels, and even cereal boxes introduces the idea that letters and words are everywhere. Reading signs and words together helps prepare your child for reading and school.



DID YOU FEED YOUR CHILD ENOUGH WORDS TODAY?

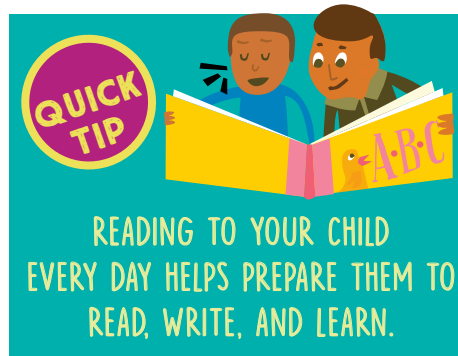


Just as feeding your child healthy foods nourishes the body, speaking with your child feeds the brain. Research shows that back and forth conversations can help children develop larger vocabularies by age two.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

YOUR CHILD LEARNS MORE LANGUAGE TALKING WITH YOU THAN FROM WATCHING TV

Before the age of two, children need you, a real, live person to talk with them using full sentences. Even if they can't speak, they are listening and learning.



READING TO YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY HELPS PREPARE THEM TO READ, WRITE, AND LEARN.

BREAKING NEWS



YOUR CHILD IS READY TO LEARN ANY LANGUAGE FROM BIRTH

Talk to your child in the language you are most comfortable using. This helps set the stage for future learning in any language.

DON'T WAIT FOR SCHOOL

Start Today for Success Tomorrow

Research shows the more words a child knows, the more likely they are to have success in school and future learning. The more you talk with your child, the more they learn.

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Talk Together TIPS

2-3
YEARS

Everyday conversations lead to reading later on!

SCRIBBLE SCRABBLE Ask your child to draw pictures of what they did today. Drawing pictures can help your child understand that scribbles and marks have meaning, a first step toward reading, writing, and storytelling.



Every child learns at their own pace.



What did you talk about today?

PLACES TO GO

FUNNY WORDS

RHYMES

NEW WORDS

BOOKS WE LIKE

FAVORITE SONGS

2-3 YEARS
Your child's name:

MORNING NEWS Talk together about what you are going to do each day and who you'll see. This can help develop important skills like making predictions and describing future events.



FIND THAT FRUIT Talk about how many apples you see, how many steps you take, and how many bananas are in a bunch. Use number words in your daily routine to help prepare your child for later math skills.



What you do now matters later.

PARK DETECTIVES Look for interesting objects in the park. Compare them by shape, texture, and sound. Describing and comparing objects helps children learn to pay attention to detail and builds vocabulary.



WHAT COMES NEXT? Make a game of singing the first line of your child's favorite song or nursery rhyme. Then pause before continuing. Your child may join in. This is a fun way to introduce rhyming words and can help build your child's listening and thinking skills.



CITY SPIES Play an /Spy game. Search for a new letter, word, color, or object every day. Your child is making connections between letters, words, and objects, which helps lay the foundation for reading.



DO IT YOURSELF BINOCULARS Use recycled rolls and string to make binoculars. Search for the first letter in your child's name.



CLOTHING COUNT Have your child help sort socks and shirts by color and size. By putting objects into groups, you are helping your child build vocabulary and math skills.



RUB A DUB DUB...SING IN THE TUB Bath time is a great time to sing together in the language(s) you are most comfortable using. Singing gives your child an opportunity to learn and remember new words, and practice rhyming.



KITCHEN HELPER As you cook with your child, talk about what happens as you mix and stir ingredients. Your child is learning to make predictions and build their vocabulary and communication skills.



READ IT AGAIN Re-read old favorites as well as new books in the languages your family speaks. The repetition and routine can help your child learn to love books, words, and stories.

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