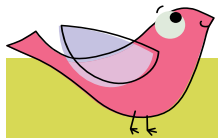


Talk Together TIMES

ACTIVITIES
2-3
YEARS

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



NEWS
FLASH

SMALL TALK EQUALS BIG LEARNING

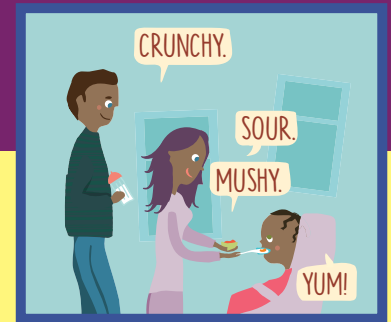
AMAZING BUT TRUE

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?

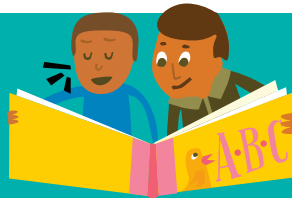


Just as feeding your child healthy foods nourishes the body, speaking with your child feeds the brain. Research shows that back and forth conversations can help children develop larger vocabularies by age two.

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.

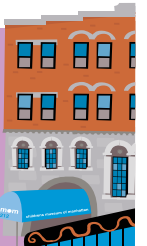
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What you do now
matters later!



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.



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.

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.



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.

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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BONUS ACTIVITY



DO IT YOURSELF BINOCULARS

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

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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.

WHAT WILL YOU DO AT SCHOOL TODAY?

I'M GOING TO SING.

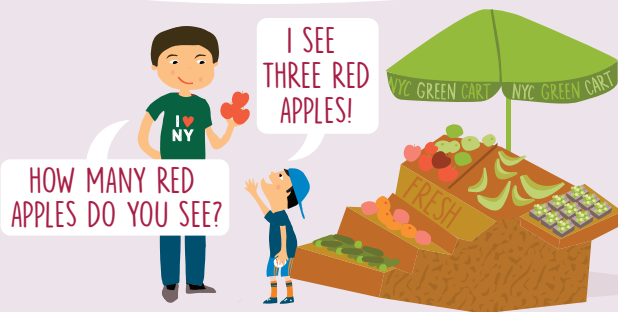


FIND THAT FRUIT

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.

HOW MANY RED APPLES DO YOU SEE?

I SEE THREE RED APPLES!



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.

THIS ROCK IS SMOOTH.

THIS ROCK IS BUMPY.

DADA. LOOK. CAT!



CITY SPIES

Play an I 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.

I SEE A BRIDGE!

I SEE A PLANE!

I SEE A BIG BUS!

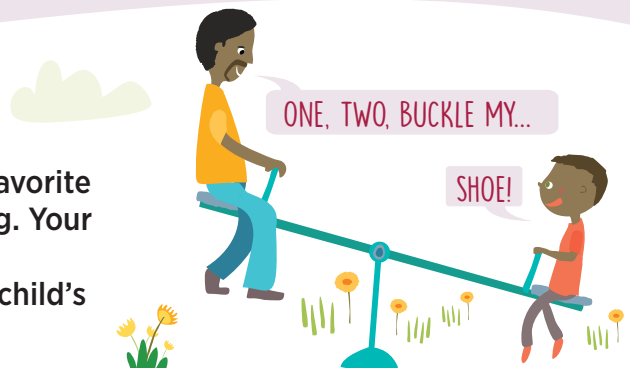


WHAT COMES NEXT?

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.

ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY...

SHOE!



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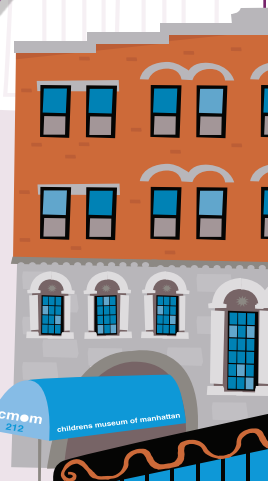
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Every child learns
at their own pace.

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What did you talk about today?



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LOOK! IT SAYS EXIT!

TUNNEL
↓ ↓

Almost Ready to
READ & WRITE

Recognizes
signs and words
everywhere

Understands that
letters make up words

Makes up
stories

Learns that stories
have a beginning,
middle and end

5
YEARS

Memorizes
simple stories

Begins to match
sounds with words

Tries to spell words
using sounds

May attempt to
read and write
own name

Practices pointing
to words while
reading

4
YEARS

All children
learn at their
own pace.

Matches some sounds
with letters

Asks "when" and
"why" questions

Uses rhyming
words

Matches words
with pictures

Acts out
stories

3
YEARS

Points to
pictures in books

Learns new
words daily

Pretends
to read

Speaks in longer
sentences

Recognizes
some letters

Scribbles
to pretend
to write

2
YEARS

Uses short
sentences

Follows simple
instructions

Speaks
first words

Holds
books

Waves
"bye-bye"

Points and
gestures

What you do
now matters later.

1
YEAR

Makes sounds

Makes eye
contact

Coos and
babbles

Copies facial
expressions

Combines sounds
"ma-ma, da-da"

Responds
to own
name

BIRTH

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