



# Early Literacy Tips



## Set the Pattern

- Read aloud daily.
- Visit the public library with your child.
- Give books as presents.
- Let your child see you reading.

## Connect the Threads

- Point out signs and tell them what they mean.
- Name new things.
- Put words to feelings.
- Read books aloud to your child often.

## Stitch Together Stories

- Encourage your child to describe real events.
- Make up stories.
- Re-tell favourite books.
- Let your child guess what happens next.

## Sew (SOW) the Letters

- Sing the alphabet song.
- Point out letters and their sounds on signs labels and books.
- Help your child write his or her name.

## Be Nimble with the Thimble

- Share rhyming games and stories.
- Sing songs together.
- Tell jokes & riddles.
- Try tongue twisters.

## Dance on the Spool

- Print is everywhere.
- Show your child how print is used (books, board games, signs, emails, newspapers, advertising, menus).
- When reading aloud, follow the text with your fingers from time to time.

Above all, have fun!