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Early Literacy Log

Ages 0-3

June 21 -

August 16, 2023



Early Literacy is what children learn about reading and writing before they can actually read and write.

There are six Early Literacy skills your child can start learning from birth:

1. **Print motivation** - being interested in and enjoying books.
2. **Phonological awareness** - being able to hear the smaller sounds in words.
3. **Vocabulary** - knowing the names of things.
4. **Narrative skills** - being able to describe things and events and tell stories.
5. **Print awareness** - noticing print, knowing how to handle a book and knowing how to follow words on a page.
6. **Letter knowledge** - knowing letters are different from each other; knowing their names and sounds and recognizing letters everywhere.

YouTube Storytime

Tuesdays at 7 PM on our Merrimack Public Library YouTube and Facebook pages!

Books and Babies

Thursdays at 9:30 AND 10:30 in the library
ALSO Look for our Baby Explorers!

Musical Me

Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the library!

In-Person Storytimes

Wednesdays at 10:30 at The Outlets
&
Fridays at 10:30 in the library!

Ask for our calendar of events for info on more library activities for you and

June 21: Start recording activities. Color, stamp or mark a shape each time you complete an Early Literacy Activity.

When you've colored in all 20, bring the log back to the Children's Room and your child will receive a certificate and a board book.

August 16: Last day to record activities.



Recite or sing a nursery rhyme and add some actions

Talk about the pictures in a book

Sing along to some songs together.

Describe the colors and shapes of your child's toys

Play with simple puzzles

Do a song and finger play such as "Itsy Bitsy Spider"

Let your baby play with different kinds of books: board books, touch & feel, lift the flaps

Play "I Spy" with your child

Let your child see YOU reading a book or magazine. Read a little out loud to your child

Spend some time reading with your child!

Have your toddler scribble or draw; help baby trace letters with their fingers

Make up a song to sing with your child about something you're doing today!

Teach your child new vocabulary by talking to them as you go about your day!

Talk with your child about how food tastes

Sing the alphabet song while flipping through an alphabet book

Read a rhyming book and emphasize the rhyming words

Play with textures using shaving cream, sand, rice, etc. for your child to explore

Talk with your child as you shop, pointing out objects and colors

Spend some time playing with your child!

Clap the syllables in your child's name, your name, names of family members

We encourage these activities and more like them all year long!