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Fun with Stories for Parents & Children



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Goals for Today's Workshop

- Overview of the program's values & ECRR's six pre-reading skills
- Review of best practices for building those skills
- Activity ideas and book recommends
- Tips for engaging children in early literacy activities
- New Orleans Public Library and community resources supporting early literacy



A Sailor Went to Sea

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea.

To see what he could sea, sea, sea.

But all that he could see, see, see was the bottom of
the deep blue sea, sea, sea.

A sailor went to chop, chop, chop.

To see what he could chop, chop, chop.

But all that he could chop, chop, chop was the bottom
of the deep blue chop, chop, chop.

A sailor went to doo-op-do-op.

To see what he could doo-op-do-op.

But all that he could doo-op-do-op was the bottom of
the deep blue doo-op-do-op.

A sailor went to sea, chop, doo-op-do-op.

To see what he could sea, chop, doo-op-do-op.

But all that he could sea, chop, doo-op-do-op was the
bottom of the deep blue sea, chop, doo-op-do-op.



Why are parents so
important in helping
their children get
ready to read?



Core Values of Program

You are your child's first teacher.

You know your child best.

Children learn best by doing,
and they love doing things with you.





Reading is essential to school success.

Children become “ready to read” between 4 and 7 years old, but becoming “ready to read” starts at birth.

You are already doing activities to help your child be ready to read.



Six Skills for Early Literacy

Print Motivation - I Love Books

Print Awareness - I See Words

Phonological Awareness - I Hear Words
and Sounds

Narrative Skills - I Tell Stories

Vocabulary - I Know Words

Letter Knowledge - I Know My ABC's

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Every Day

you can help your child
become

READY TO READ



Five simple **practices** help children
get ready to read.

 **Talking** |  **Singing** |  **Reading** |  **Writing** |  **Playing**





Your child will learn words from you talking to him or her. They will understand many words before they say “mama” or “papa.”



Talking

helps your child learn words, stories and the rhythm of speech.

Parent Tip: Use “parentese” with your child -

higher pitch

short simple sentences

long vowel sounds





Speak to your children in
the “language of the
home”



Make Stories More Fun!

Use simple props, puppets or stuffed animals, to tell a story.

Use silly voices for different characters.

Ask your child to join in!

Parent Tip: When talking with your child
ask questions
and
WAIT

Research finding:

For young children who are just learning to tell more complex stories, give time for them to make connections, anywhere from 5 to 12 seconds.



A Picture Walk can come
before reading a word of
the book.



Let's practice TALKING
with a picture walk.

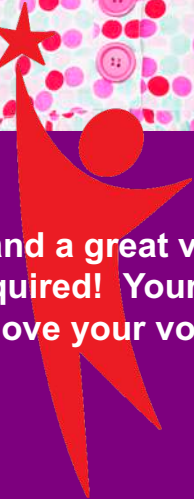
We're going to meet the three little
kittens who lost their mittens.

Take-Away Activity: Make a Picture Walk and One Minute Story





Talent and a great voice is
not required! Your child
will love your voice.



Singing is a natural
way to learn about
language.

Sing songs fast
and slow.

Over and over and
over and over

Rhythms and
rhymes help
develop listening
and attention
skills.

Sing Songs
that
Tell a **Story**





Singing helps your child
get ready to read.



Let's Practice SINGING during
our daily routines!

This is the way we wash our mittens,
Wash our mittens, wash our mittens,
This is the way we wash our mittens,
Early in the morning.

This is the way we eat our pie,
Eat our pie, eat our pie,
This is the way we eat our pie,
Early in the evening.

This is the way we say yum-yum,
Say yum-yum, say yum-yum,
This is the way we say yum-yum,
Every day at dinner.



Story Songs

Five Little Monkeys
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly
All Around the Mulberry Bush
Hokey Pokey
Miss Mary Mack
Where is Thumbkin?
Row Row Row Your Boat
When Your Happy and You Know It

What are YOUR Favorites???

*Don't Remember the
Lyrics?!*

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newspapers, mail,
plus books!



Reading together
with your children
makes a
difference that
lasts a lifetime.

Read to your child
EVERYDAY

Follow your child's
INTEREST

Oral language and
vocabulary
development is the
foundation for all
other skills critical to
successful reading.

(Dickenson et al., 2003)

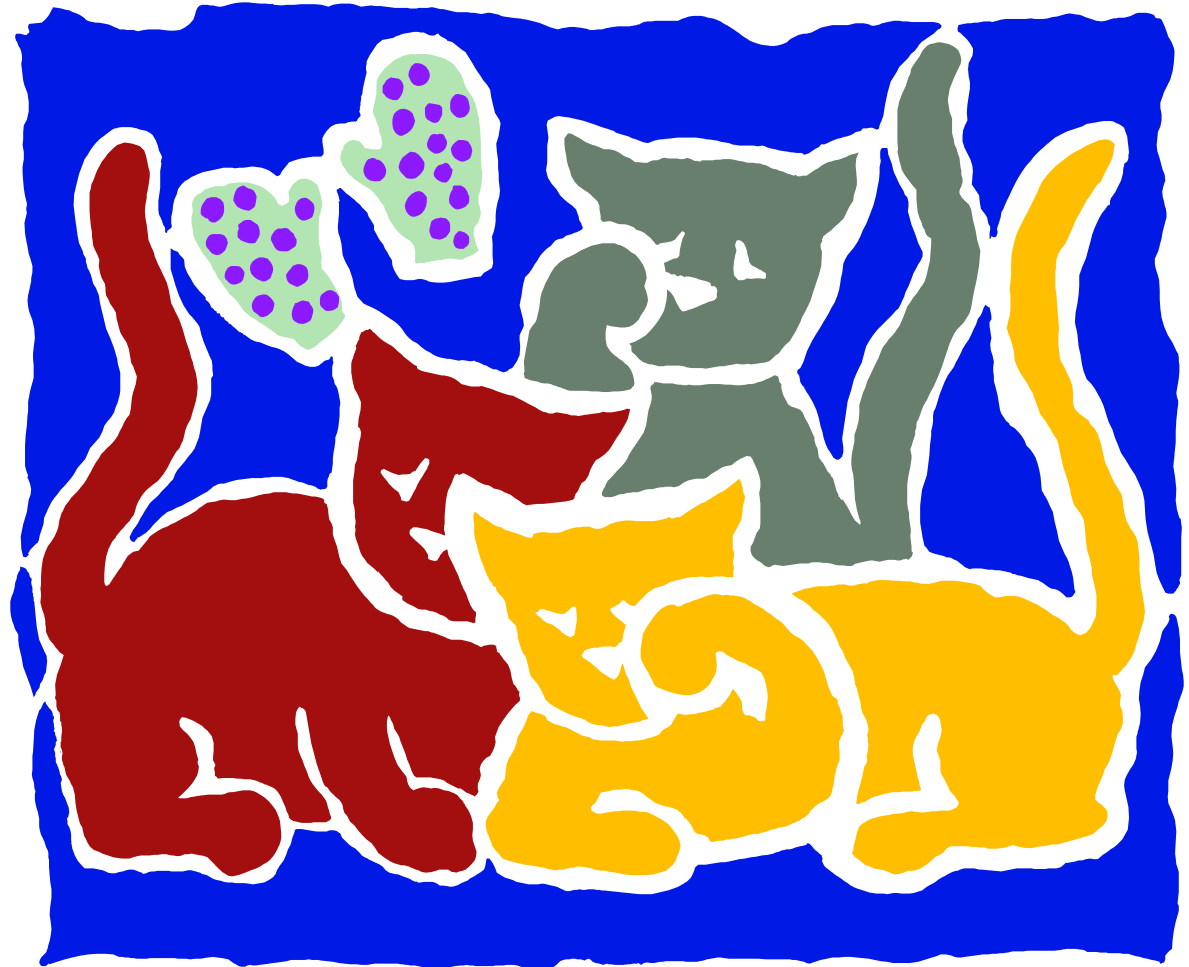




Nursery Rhymes and
Fairy Tales are easy
to tell. Make up your
own.



Let's practice **READING** aloud the
Three Little Kittens.





Let's Practice WRITING by Making Mittens!



Making Marks



Drawing and Writing



Writing actually helps
your child learn to read.

Name Writing



Word Writing





Children make progress in
drawing and writing by
Practicing.



Reading and writing go together.

Babies - Feel a pair of mittens, talk about color & shape.

Toddlers - Color and decorate the mittens.

Pre-Schooler - Trace mittens & write name on the mittens.

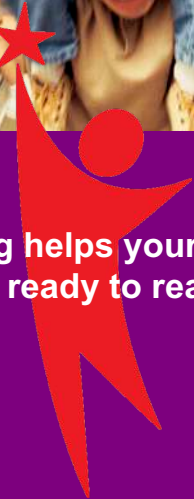
A large listening and
spoken vocabulary
makes it easier for a
child to connect a written
word to its meaning.

Research finding: To be ready
to learn to read, most children
need to have about 15,000
words in their listening
vocabulary.





Playing helps your child
get ready to read.



Children learn
about language
through different
kinds of play.

Play helps
children think
symbolically.

Play helps build
narrative skills and
vocabulary.

Encourage
dramatic play
using
stuffed animals
puppets
sticks
leaves
boxes

What does your
child like to play
with?



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Stories and books feed
imagination!



Let's practice **PLAYING** by retelling the
story of the
Three Little Kittens.





Your home can be a
learning center to help
your child get ready
to read.



Make your home a learning zone!

It doesn't have to be expensive!

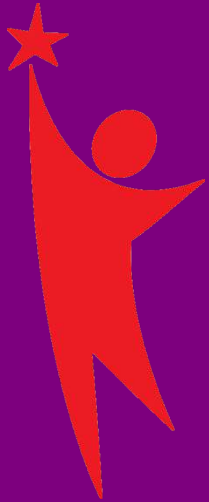
Basic toys, cloth or board books, crayons, dolls, stuffed animals, chalk, sturdy toy trucks and cars, a few books, and some paper.



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Music
Story Times
Activities
Fun Programs

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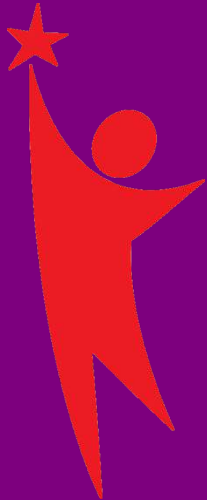
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- Fun with Words
- Fun with Science and Math



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about early literacy?
Ask us how YOU can
make a difference!**