



Promoting Literacy With Your Two-Three Year Old



Why Is This Important?

Promoting literacy at this age will help your child to understand and use a variety of words (action words, descriptive words) that will prepare for school entry.



When Can We Promote Literacy?

Find a time in your daily routine to sit down with your child to share a book together.

What Can We Do Together?

- Build on interests (eg. favourite characters.)
- Choose books that have a story line or a clear beginning, middle and end.
- Point out "parts of a book" (title, author.)
- Point to the words as you read them and talk about ideas/concepts on each page.
- Ask WH questions about what you see on the pages (eg. "What is the mouse doing?")
- Add words to expand on what your child. (eg. "Eating" → "The mouse is eating.")
- Continue to choose books that are predictable to allow opportunity for your child to take a turn (eg. Adult: "Brown bear brown bear what do you see? I see a green frog..." Child: "Looking at me!")



How Can We Help?

- Use different voices and sound effects and lots of expression when reading and playing.
- Pause often to allow opportunities for your child to take a turn and encourage conversation about the pictures on the page.
- Draw your child's attention to the words around you (eg. signs and labels.)