Early literacy begins with you and your child. Help your child get ready to read by doing simple activities every day.

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<td>Sing “Old MacDonald.” (lyrics on back)</td>
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<td>Write your name on the sidewalk with a paintbrush and water.</td>
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<td>Spread out a blanket on the grass and read a book in the sun or shade!</td>
<td>What letter begins your name? Practice writing that letter.</td>
<td>Sing the ABCs with a squeaky voice.</td>
<td>Have your child try threading pipe cleaners through the holes in a colander.</td>
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<td>Draw an apple tree. How many apples did you put on your tree?</td>
<td>Talk about all the red things you can find in your kitchen.</td>
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<td>Bounce a ball outside. Can you catch it between bounces?</td>
<td>During bath time, fill and empty containers and talk about what you are doing.</td>
<td>Go for a letter walk. Where can you find letters - on street signs, license plates, buildings?</td>
<td>Make letters and shapes out of playdough.</td>
<td>Cut up the front of a cereal box and make your own puzzle.</td>
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<td>Play hide and seek.</td>
<td>Use a towel to make a cape and play “super hero.”</td>
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<td>Cut open an apple and talk about what you see inside.</td>
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These are five of the best practices to prepare children to read. Have fun with your child!
Children learn best by doing. Have fun together!

**Songs, Rhymes & Fun Activities**

**Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes**

Head and shoulders knees and toes
Knees and toes
Head and shoulders knees and toes
Knees and toes
And eyes and ears
And mouth and nose
Head and shoulders knees and toes

**Old MacDonald Had a Farm**

Old MACDONALD had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had a cow
E-I-E-I-O
With a moo moo here
And a moo moo there
Here a moo, there a moo
Everywhere a moo moo
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O

(Also try singing song with horse, chicken, pig and other farm animals sounds!)

**Hickory, Dickory, Dock**

Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse ran up the clock;
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down;
Hickory, dickory, dock.

**Jack and Jill**

Jack and Jill went up the hill,
To fetch a pail of water;
Jack fell down, and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

**Mary Had a Little Lamb**

Mary had a little lamb
Little lamb, little lamb
Mary had a little lamb
Its fleece was white as snow
And everywhere that Mary went
Mary went, Mary went
Everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go

**Go for a letter walk. Where can you find letters - on street signs, license plates, buildings?**

**Try threading pipe cleaners through the holes of a colander.**

**Bowl at home using empty plastic bottles and a small ball.**

Your Library has many resources to help you talk, sing, read, write and play with your child.

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