



September

# Early Literacy Begins With You!

TALK!	SING!	READ!	WRITE!	PLAY!
Look at family photo albums and <b>talk</b> about what is happening in the pictures.	<b>Sing</b> the <i>Farmer in the Dell</i> and ask your child to sing all the animal songs.	Encourage your child to tell you a story. Write down what they say and then <b>read</b> the story to them at bedtime.	Cut up a straw and use the pieces to <b>form</b> shapes or letters.	<b>Bowl</b> at home using empty plastic bottles and a small rubber ball.
While grocery shopping <b>talk</b> about the fall fruits and vegetables. (color, shape, texture)	Wake up your child with a “good morning” <b>song</b> each day.	Go to the Brighton District Library and sign up for a <b>FALL reading</b> program.	Make a dot to dot outline of letters then have the kids <b>trace</b> them.	<b>Hide</b> an object and then give directions on where to find it. (Ex. 3 steps forward, turn right, 5 steps, etc.)
<b>Talk</b> to Grandma and Grandpa and wish them a Happy Grandparent’s Day.	While running errands with your child, <b>sing</b> the “Wheels on the Car”.	Develop a cozy corner in your home for library books. <b>Read</b> in this special place daily.	<b>Make</b> letters using cereal, noodles, marshmallows, etc.	<b>Play</b> rhyming games with your child. “I see something that sounds like the word “tree...bee”.
Parents <b>talk</b> to your child about what school was like when you went to school.	Go to the Library and check out a <b>NEW CD</b> to <b>sing</b> and listen to at home.	<b>Read</b> a non-fiction book about the changing leaves.	Put sponges in your child’s bath. <b>Squeezing</b> out water will help develop fine motor skills.	<b>Play</b> with blocks. Kids can learn new words and ideas through play.
<b>Talk</b> to your children about Patriot’s Day on September 11th.	<b>Sing</b> a favorite song fast, slow, quiet and loud.	 Brighton District Library	Practice <b>writing</b> letters in the sand at the beach, playground or sand box.	Use towels and sheets to make capes and <b>play</b> “superheroes”.



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**Help your child get ready to read with simple activities every day.**

### **Talking:**

**Whether you are taking a walk, driving around, or in your home, talking about and making the sounds of different things is a great way to help children listen to and identify sounds. This is the same type of skill they will later need for sounding out words when they read.**

### **Singing:**

**Songs are a wonderful way to learn about language. Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words. This helps when children begin to read printed language.**

### **Reading:**

**Factual books offer many opportunities to add to children's knowledge. Sharing factual books not only helps children learn about the world around them, but also will help them later understand what they read.**

### **Writing:**

**Drawing and writing with your children are great ways to help them make the connection between what we write and what we say.**

### **Playing:**

**As you play with balls, blocks and other toys with your children, compare the different sizes and shapes. This will support their ability to differentiate letters when they learn to read.**