

Wondering About ...

Language and Literacy

Literacy emerges from the very first communication with infants and involves skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. There are many things that your family can do to encourage and enhance these skills that are appropriate to the development of your child.

Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project (HEIP)

www.heartland.edu/heip

The Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project is designed to ensure early childhood professionals have the knowledge and skills required to support the diverse development and learning needs of young children and their families in high-quality, inclusive classroom communities. These resource pages provide a tool for teachers to use to support families faced with questions about early childhood.

Get in Step with Responsive Teaching Video. Center for Early Literacy Learning.

http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/get_in_step_with_resp_teach.php

This 8 1/2-minute video discusses a technique called responsive teaching that parents and professionals can use to improve literacy skills in young children. Many video examples of the components of this technique are provided.

Early Literacy. Zero to Three.

<http://main.zerotothree.org/site/DocServer/earlyliteracy2pagehandout.pdf?sessionid=1554F4036EBA6BEDDA279DCD928BA95F.app258c?docID=2681&AddInterest=1145>

This 2-page brochure shares basic research about early literacy, discusses what the various ages of young children like in books, and provides suggestions for parents on how to share books with their infants and toddlers.

Practice Guides for Use with Parents. Center for Early Literacy Learning,

These 1 or 2 page handouts help parents promote emerging literacy in the home.

Infants:

http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/parentpg_inf.php

Toddlers:

http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/parentpg_todd.php

Preschoolers:

<http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/parentpgs.php>

Spanish versions and adapted versions for kids with disabilities are also available.

<http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/parentpgs.php>

Listen, Talk, Answer – Support Your Child's Learning. NAEYC for Families.

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/child-development/listen-talk-answer%E2%80%94support-your-child%E2%80%99s-learning>

Tips for encouraging meaningful conversations with your children as they come home and share their stories. These important conversations can do a lot to support a child's learning and develop communication skills.

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