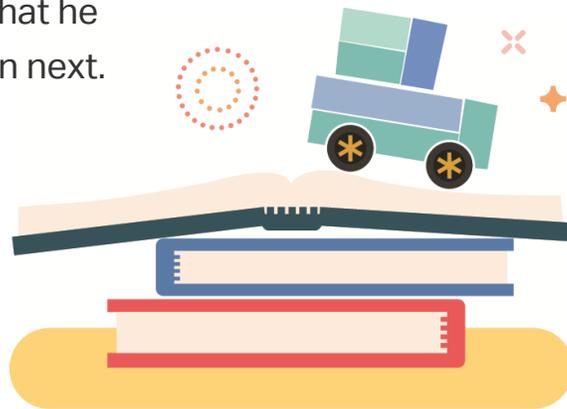


BOOKS

the key to lifelong learning

LET YOUR CHILD PICK Don't worry if she chooses the same one over and over. It takes an adult six times to recognize a word; it takes even longer for an infant or toddler.

MAKE PREDICTIONS As you read a story, ask your child what he thinks is going to happen next. After the story is over, ask him if he can think of a different way the book could have ended.



MAKE A RECIPE When it's time to cook, find and read a recipe out loud together and follow the instructions to make something delicious.

READING CAMPOUT Build a tent in your living room or backyard. Ask your child to bring favorite books and stuffed animals. Grab some flashlights and read together.

READ INSTRUCTIONS When you open a new game or something with instructions, read them with your child.

READING SCAVENGER HUNT

Choose a letter of the alphabet and talk about the sounds it makes. Go on a walk around your house or neighborhood and find as many things as you can that start with that letter.

PUPPET SHOW

Choose one of your child's favorite books and read it together. Then make puppets out of socks or brown lunch bags. Act out the story for family or friends. Create your own stories.

PAUSE AS YOU READ Talk about how the characters may be feeling or what they could be thinking. Ask your child questions.

MAKE A BOOK Using photographs, pictures from magazines and your child's drawings, make a picture book. Write the story and then read your book together.



BABY PLAY Use exaggerated facial and vocal expression as you talk and play with your baby, keeping your baby facing toward you.

PLAY ACTING

When repeating rhymes or Finger plays, have your children act them out as you say them.



SENSORY EXPLORATION Help children use all of their senses during an activity. For example, if you go for a walk, have them listen to the sounds outside and feel different objects on the ground. Ask them open-ended questions about what they are seeing and feeling.

HOUSEHOLD DRAMATICS Let young children find household items such as kitchen utensils, pillows, dress-up clothes, and pictures to retell favorite stories.

YOU READ, THEY READ Have your child pick a book that you read to her. After you finish, have her read you the story to build comprehension.

WORD POINTER Decorate a popsicle stick with markers, stickers and other craft items you want. Use this pointer as you're reading to point out words for your child to build word recognition.

DRIVING

RETELL While driving around town, encourage your child to help you

retell some of his favorite stories. Helps the car ride go smoother.

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA? After reading a story with your child, ask her what she would do to make the story come to life in your house or yard.

A FAVORITE MOMENT Have your child draw, color or paint a picture that shows something that his happening in his favorite book

MEMORIZATION Children love and learn from repetition. Encourage this learning by helping them memorize a poem, song and more. You might feel less frustrated with this as your goal.