

# Kindergarten Reading



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# Read, Read Read!

- Cherish this time as you read, side by side, with your child.
- Read the title and the title page.
- Look at the pictures and talk about interesting things you see.
- Ask questions as you read.
- Predict what might happen next.
- Talk about new words.
- **Have fun!**

# Have Fun with Rhymes

Read Rhyming books and Nursery Rhymes and Poetry Books

Nursery Rhyme Guess - (Jack and Jill went up the\_\_\_\_.)

Play Rhyme Games – See how many words you can say that rhyme (hop, pop, mop, top).

Picture Match – Match rhyming pictures or objects. (How many household objects can they find that rhyme? Book, hook, hall, wall).

Sing Rhyming Songs like Down by the Bay

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yt1czlnCUCg>

# Have Fun with Rhymes

The frog sat on a log in the bog.

# Have Fun with **Alliteration**

- Read books or poems that have alliteration ( All or most of the words starting with the same sound) like... **Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.**
- Use alliteration to help your child make up **silly sentences using his name ...like**  
Ben bumped into big bouncing bears.  
Sam slid sideways down a slimy slide.

# Fun with Letters and Sounds

## Play with Your Child's Name

- Write it (First letter only capitalized)
- Talk about the names of each letter in it
- Make it with play dough
- Make it with magnet letters
- Use a small white board
- Use a Magna Doodle
- Make it into a puzzle
- Look for other objects that start with the same sound
- Talk about the sounds of each letter in it



# Fun with Letters and Sounds



Use Magnet Letters  
to learn letter names  
and sounds.



**I Spy**  
**something**  
**that begins**  
**with the letter**  
**b.**



Play dough  
Letters

- **Letter Sound Search** – How many things around your house begin with the “t” sound? (telephone, television, table)
- **Grocery Store Alphabet Treasure Hunt** – Look for labels or signs that begin with a certain letter

# Fun with **Letters** and **Sounds**

Read ABC books

Sing the ABC song-

- Point at each letter as you sing the song.
- Learn the sounds, signs, and letters.

<https://www.starfall.com/h/abcs/song/>?

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# “Sight Words”

I	a	and	to	see
is	you	the	can	like
my	yes	no	go	he
said	do	at	me	look

Here's a peek at some of the words your child will learn next year in Kindergarten. Have fun finding them in stories you read together.

# Sight Words

- Use magnet letters to make sight words
- Play a game of “Go Fish” with the words
- Play a game of memory with the “Go Fish” cards
- When reading to your child let him read the sight words that he knows
- Give your child a page from a magazine or newspaper and let her use a highlighter to find and highlight the sight words

# “Sight Words”

- Make your child a “Personal Dictionary” of words that can be used for writing
- **Word Treasure Box** – Use an inexpensive file box with A, B, C, dividers and some index cards to write the **sight words** and other **words that are important to your child**. Teach your child to file the words behind the letter that they start with. Your child can use them for **writing** and to make **silly sentences**

Thank you!

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# Kindergarten Writing



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# Writing:

## How to Hold a Pencil



Tripod Grip

# Writing

- Let your child **experiment** with writing
- Encourage your child to **stretch words out** and write down the sounds she hears
- Let your child **dictate** a story that **you write** for him – **he can practice** reading it
- Encourage your child to **write labels** for pictures that she draws.

# Writing

- Encourage your child to write for **real audiences and purposes**...Like:
  - **Making a list** (grocery list, favorite books, favorite animals, “What I want for my birthday” etc.)
  - Writing a note to put in Dad’s lunch
  - **Writing a card or letter to Grandma**
  - Making a sign or poster
  - **Making her own book**



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# Kindergarten Math



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# Fun With Numbers and Counting

- Help your child to **count real objects** like:  
**Pennies**, Cans in the pantry, **Books**, Stuffed animals, **Shoes**, etc. (Make sure he points to each object as he counts)
- Play **Memory** with the number and corresponding picture cards (Counting leaves)
- Play Games! **Board games** provide wonderful opportunities for counting and other math skills  
“Trouble” and “Sorry!” Are both great games for counting practice.

# Fun With Shapes

- Cut out some simple shapes such as:  
Rectangles, Squares, Triangles, and Circles
- Teach your child the names of these shapes and look for them everywhere...like
  - In the house
  - Driving (traffic signs)
  - In the store (packages)
  - In books

# Just Have Fun!

- You are your child's first and most important teacher
- Always make the learning enjoyable
- Celebrate what your child can do

We look forward to partnering with you as your child begins Kindergarten!

# Parent Resources

## Alphabet, songs, rhymes and games.

Starfall- <https://www.starfall.com/h/abcs/>

DLKT-teach- <https://www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/>

Nellie Edge- <https://nellieedge.com/>

## Downloadable books, ebooks and more!

Epic!- <https://www.getepic.com>

Open eBook (the App)- <http://openebooks.net/getstarted.html>

Email: [Thomas.Moll@ortrail.k12.or.us](mailto:Thomas.Moll@ortrail.k12.or.us) to get your access code and PIN.

## More parent resources:

Reading Rockets- <http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents>

Printable handwriting practice- <https://www.myteachingstation.com/worksheets>

If you have any questions please feel free to send me an email:

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