



# FOSTERING ELEMENTARY READING SKILLS

Your child's ability to read, write, listen, and speak is critical for his/her success in school and life. There are a variety of easy, everyday activities you can do with your child to improve these skills:

## Play Together

- Think of words that start with certain sounds.
- Create sentences made up with words that all start with the same sound.
- Play games like hangman and word search.

## Read Together

- Read the same words, sentences, and books multiple times to increase fluency.
- Have your child read aloud to you, friends, and family members.
- Read poems and rhyming books. Make lists of the rhyming words and make up new poems.
- Look up song lyrics and sing together. Talk about what the song means to each of you.

## Talk Together

- Ask your child questions that can't be answered with "yes/no." Have him/her describe and explain.
- Have your child play "teacher." After reading a book, your child should teach you what he/she learned.
- Practice identifying letters and words together.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

- [FunBrain.com](https://www.funbrain.com)
- [PBSKids.org/games](https://www.pbskids.org/games)
- [TurtleDiary.com](https://www.turtle-diary.com)
- [StudyZone.com](https://www.studyzone.com)