

Did you know...



Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing *before* they actually learn to read and write. Helping your child develop early literacy skills will build a foundation for reading so that when they are taught to read they are ready.

This monthly newsletter will help you become more familiar with early literacy skills and contains tips and activities you can try at home with your child. *The Bookworm* is published monthly for three age groups: Babies and Toddlers, Preschool (3-5), and Kindergarten. You can find more *Bookworms*, as well as versions in Spanish, at

<http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/bookworm>.

Here's how...

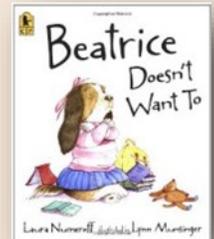


- ✦ Choose a quiet spot for you and your child to read aloud 15 – 20 minutes each day.
- ✦ Keep books and other reading materials where your child can reach them.
- ✦ Take books and writing supplies with you when you leave home so that your child can read and write wherever you go.
- ✦ Share rhymes and songs that young children enjoy. Keeping books fun will keep them coming back for more.
- ✦ Show your child how you read every day for fun and work (novels, newspapers, magazines, etc.).
- ✦ Visit the library or bookstore with your child to attend storytimes and choose books to read at home.

Read



***Beatrice Doesn't Want To*, by Laura Numeroff**



Because he's her babysitter, Beatrice's big brother Henry has to take her along when he goes to the library to do his homework. But Bea has no use for books or libraries, and she gives Henry plenty of trouble. Then Henry takes her to storytime, where the librarian reads a funny book about a mouse—and Beatrice is hooked! Young children love this story about finding just the right book.

Choosing Books



Look for other books by author Laura Numeroff at your library

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (También disponible en Español)

If You Give a Moose a Muffin

The Best Mouse Cookie

If You Give a Cat a Cupcake (También disponible en Español)

Laura Numeroff's 10-Step Guide to Living with Your Monster

What Mommies Do Best/What Daddies Do Best

Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers

To find more Laura Numeroff books, as well as activities and information about the author, visit www.lauranumeroff.com

Talk



Look at the pictures in this book with your child. The illustrations show the characters with lots of different emotions. Talk about these with your child and help give her words to name the feelings. “Look at Bea’s face and arms on the first page. Bea sure looks stubborn!” “Henry looks very frustrated in this picture. How do you know he is frustrated?” You can do this with any book!

Write



The most important word to a young child as they learn to read and write is their name. After they can identify the letters and write them, you can help them learn other names that are important to them— family members, friends, pets, teachers. Building vocabulary this way creates a foundation for learning more words.

Play



In the story *Beatrice Doesn’t Want To*, Bea’s stuffed dog can be found on almost every page. Ask your child to help you find the dog as you turn the pages. Sometimes it is hard to find!

Action Rhyme

When the sun lights up the sky,
(*wave arms above head*)

I sit right up and rub my eyes.
(*rub eyes*)

I dress myself with greatest care,
(*pretend to step into pants*)

I brush my teeth and comb my hair.
(*pretend to brush teeth and comb hair*)

Then off to story hour I go,
(*march in place*)

To hear the stories that I love so.



Sing



These Are Things I Like to Do

To the tune of “Here We Go ‘Round the Mulberry Bush”

These are the things I like to do,
Like to do, like to do.

These are the things I like to do,
I know a trick or two.

Suit actions to words:

This is the way I read a book,
Read a book, read a book.

This is the way I read a book,
I know a trick or two.

This is the way I paint a picture...

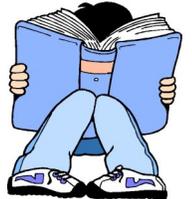
This is the way I ride my bike...

This is the way I throw the ball...

This is the way I help my dad...

Continue with things your child likes to do!

Listen to “Here We Go ‘Round the Mulberry Bush: <http://bussongs.com/songs/here-we-go-round-the-mulberry-bush.php>



At your library...



Your library offers many free resources to help you build your child’s early literacy skills: age-appropriate books, music CDs, storytimes, parent workshops, booklists, take-home information, and events for the whole family!