

## Did you know...



Vocabulary is knowing the names of things and is developed as you help your child build words out of letters and letter sounds. Most children enter school knowing between 3,000 and 5,000 words. Developing a strong vocabulary helps your child as they learn to read.

When you think about it, you know that you are reading a word correctly if you have heard it before. The more words children hear, the more ready they will be to make connections between sounding out words and knowing they are pronouncing them correctly.

**The best way to help your child build vocabulary is to talk and read with them.**

## Here's how...



- ❖ Speak in the language that is most comfortable for you. Talk about the stories and the pictures in the books.
- ❖ Choose a quiet spot for you and your child to read aloud 15 – 20 minutes each day. Children's books have more rare words than everyday conversations, and more than even children's television programs.
- ❖ Talk to your child about what is going on around you. Talk about how things work, feelings, and ideas. Listen when your child talks to you.
- ❖ Look for books that teach concepts, such as numbers, colors, shapes, opposites, etc. These are things your child should know before they begin kindergarten.

## Read

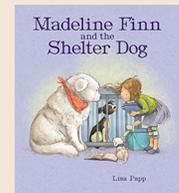


### ***Madeline Finn and the Library Dog*, by Lisa Papp**



Madeline does not like to read. Reading is hard, and she doesn't like to make mistakes. Then she meets Bonnie, a library dog full of love and patience. Reading out loud to Bonnie isn't so bad, and when Madeline gets stuck, Bonnie doesn't mind. Will Bonnie help Madeline finally earn her reading star at school?

*Share in Madeline and Bonnie's next adventure:*



## Choose Books



### **More books like *Madeline Finn and the Library Dog*:**

*Library Mouse*, by Daniel Kirk

*Tomás and the Library Lady*, by Pat Mora

*Bats at the Library*, by Brian Lies

*Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library!* by Vicki Myron

*Library Lion*, by Michelle Knudson

*Charlie Cook's Favorite Book*, by Julia Donaldson

*If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, Don't!* by Elise Parsley

*Interrupting Chicken*, by David Ezra Stein

## Talk



Children’s picture books contain more “rare” words than what is heard on television throughout the day. As you read with your child each day, talk about some of the rare words you run across, rather than finding simpler words to replace them. If you’re not sure what the word means, look it up together or ask someone else. This is good modeling for your child for when she finds a word she doesn’t know.

## Write



Give your child different types of writing tools to practice with because each requires different muscles and skills. Writing with a pen uses a different angle than a pencil. Encourage them to write in ways that connect to their lives— lists of chores, foods they’d like to eat at meals, stories about fun things they did that day, etc.

## Sing



### **B-I-N-G-O**

There was a farmer had a dog,  
And Bingo was his name-O.

B-I-N-G-O!

B-I-N-G-O!

B-I-N-G-O!

And Bingo was his name-O!

There was a farmer had a dog,  
And Bingo was his name-O.

(Clap)-I-N-G-O!

(Clap)-I-N-G-O!

(Clap)-I-N-G-O!

And Bingo was his name-O!

*Continue clapping one more letter in each verse,  
until you are clapping for all five letters.*

You can hear the tune and watch a video at <http://bussongs.com/songs/bingo.php>



## Play



### Storytime

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.



*Visit your local library for storytimes, fun activities, and much more!*

## At your library...



Idaho Family Reading Week is an annual statewide celebration of reading as a family activity. The theme this year is “*Adventure Awaits—Reading Takes You Anywhere!*”

Ask your librarian about special events and programs planned for Family Reading Week, November 10—16, 2019.