

Did you know...



Summertime is a great time to keep reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing with your young child so they can continue building early literacy skills.

Take time to go to the park and bring books with you for an outdoor storytime. Make reading bedtime stories a family tradition and sing songs as you take walks around your neighborhood. Play games with your child so they learn to follow directions and take turns. Talk to your child during routines like grocery shopping and bath time.

Visit your local public library to borrow books and games, or use the library's online services. Be sure to sign up for the library's summer reading program, where prizes can be earned for reading to your child or doing fun activities. Library programs are free!

Here's how...

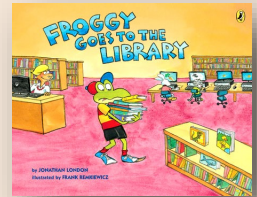


- ❖ Choose a quiet spot for you and your child to read aloud 15 – 20 minutes each day.
- ❖ Keep books in your bag and in the car. When you have wait time in an office or while you are driving, books can keep your child interested and engaged.
- ❖ Get your child (or family) a library card at your local public library. It's free for most people. Some libraries offer free summer cards for those who live out of the taxing district.
- ❖ Let your child pick out books they enjoy, even if you have to read the same books over and over. When children choose books they enjoy, they love to learn reading and become better readers when they start school.

Read



***Froggy Goes to the Library*, by Jonathan London**



When Froggy, his mom, and his little sister set out for the library, Froggy is so excited he brings a wheelbarrow for all the books he wants to borrow. It's a good thing librarians know how much fun the library is for little frogs (and kids) who are full of energy!

Visit your library to find more Froggy books to enjoy with your child:

Froggy Gets Dressed

Froggy Builds a Tree House

Froggy Goes to School

Froggy Learns to Swim

And many, many more!

Choosing Books



This year many libraries will design summer programs around a theme with animals and stories.



Tails and Tales Books:

Wild About Books, by Judy Sierra

Beatrice Doesn't Want To, by Laura Numeroff

No T. Rex in the Library, by Toni Buzzeo

Maybe a Bear Ate It, by Robie Harris

Chicken Story Time, by Sandy Asher

Book! Book! Book! by Deborah Bruss

Dinosaur vs. the Library, by Bob Shea

Talk



In a world in which we are increasing our use of texting to talk with one another, it is very important to help your child learn to have a back and forth conversation over the phone. Help your child call a friend or relative. Decide ahead of time what kinds of questions your child would like to ask. Help them ask the questions and listen to the responses, then respond or ask follow-up questions. Conversation skills are needed in order for your child to be ready to start kindergarten.

Write



To be ready for kindergarten, your child should be able to make straight, zig zag, and curvy lines, as well as draw basic shapes. Play a “copycat” game with your child. Make a line or shape and ask your child to copy it. If they have trouble making a shape or line, help guide their hand a few times, then let them practice. Take turns being the copycat. Let your child use the hand that feels most comfortable.

Play



Action Rhyme

One little froggy goes HOP!

Along comes another and they just can't stop,
So two little froggies go HOP HOP!

Along comes another and they just can't stop,
So three little froggies go HOP HOP HOP!

Along comes another and they just can't stop,
So four little froggies go HOP HOP HOP HOP!

Along comes another and they just can't stop,
So five little froggies go HOP HOP HOP HOP HOP!

DROP!



Sing



Mmm-Ahh Went the Little Green Frog

This is a silly tune to sing with your child, which helps them play with sounds. There are lots of different sounds you can make!

Mmm-ahh went the little green frog one day,
Mmm-ahh went the little green frog.
Mmm-ahh went the little green frog one day,
And we all went mmm-mmm-ahh.

But we all know frogs go (clap) la-di-da-di-da.
(clap) La-di-da-di-da. (clap) La-di-da-di-da.
We all know frogs go (clap) la-di-da-di-da,
Instead of mmm-mmm-ahh.

Alternate sounds for Verse 1: mmm-mmm; glub-glub; gack-goon; gink-gunk; make up your own!

Alternate sounds for Verse 2: sha-na-na-na-na; soy o-de-o-de-o; dooby-dooby-doo; make up your own!

See some different versions of the song from the King County Library System:

<https://kcls.org/content/little-green-frog/>

At your library...



Be sure to check your library's website and/or Facebook page for special summer activities in the library and out in the community!