



Every Your Child Ready to Read

*** Family* Toddler Time @ Corinth Library**

Extension Activities to help practice the six pre-reading skills*
your child can start learning from birth!

1. Narrative Skills: Being able to describe things and events and tell stories.

- Talk with your child about what we did at toddler time today.
- Can the two of you retell what happened in one of these stories from today :
 - Got a Family by Melrose Cooper
 - Smile, Lily! By Candace Fleming
 - Hug Goes Around by Laura Krauss
 - I Can Do It Too! By Karen Baicker
- Check out a book to read at home and then talk about what happens first, next and last in the story.

2. Print Motivation: Being interested in and enjoying books.

- Children who enjoy books will want to learn to read, help your child pick a book she/he wants to take home.
- Let your child see you reading for your enjoyment.

3. Vocabulary: Knowing the name of things.

- See how many family member your child can name.
- Point at objects around the house that Mommy or Daddy uses and see if your child can name them.

4. Print Awareness: Noticing print, knowing how to handle books & how to follow the words on a page.

- When you read to your child, point to some of the words as you say them, especially words that are repeated.
- Ask your child to point to the front/back/top/bottom of a book, hold your child's hand and trace it over the words as you read the story to them.

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<http://www.ala.org/ala/pla/plaissues/earlylit/earlyliteracy.htm>

5. Letter Knowledge: Knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds and recognizing letters everywhere.

- Help your child play with the letter “F”: You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough or line up French fries on their lunch plate.

6. Phonological Awareness: Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.

- Say the rhymes from toddler time at home. Rhymes help children hear the sounds that make up words, a skill that helps children sound out words as they begin to read.
- Sing the songs from toddler time, in most songs each syllable in a word gets a different note.

You are My Family

Tune: You Are My Sunshine

You are my family, my loving family.
I feel so happy living with you.
You are so special, so very special!
Thanks for loving me the way that you do.

From: **Busy Kids, Busy Day**
By Scott Lyons

All in the Family

Tune: My Bonnie

*My [Mommy] is part of my family.
My [Mommy] is someone I love.
My [Mommy] is part of my family.
[She] is someone that I love to love.*

*[Mommy, Mommy]
Is very important to me, to me.
[Mommy, Mommy]
[She's] someone in my family.*

Replace with daddy, sister, brother ...

I Have a Little Heart

I have a little heart
that goes
Thump, thump, thump.
(Thump chest with hands.)

It keeps right on beating when I
jump, jump, jump.
(jump up and down)

I get a special feeling
when I look at you.
(Make binoculars around your eyes.)

It makes me want to
Give you a kiss or two!
(Blow Kisses)

Love, Love, Love

Tune: “3 Blind Mice”

Love, Love, Love
Love, Love, Love
See how it grows, See how it grows.
I love my friends and they love me,
We love other and then you see,
There’s more than enough for
a big family.
Love, love, love.
Love, love, love.

Some Families

Some families are large.
(Spread arms out wide)
Some families are small
(Bring arms close together)
But I love my family best of all!
(Cross arms over chest)



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