Early literacy begins with you and your child. Help your child get ready to read by doing simple activities every day.

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<td>6: Sing your favorite song!</td>
<td>1: Talk about farm animals and make their sounds.</td>
<td>2: Sing “Old MacDonald.” (lyrics on back)</td>
<td>3: Use a towel to make a cape and play “super hero.”</td>
<td>4: Have your child draw a picture of something they did this summer. Write down what they describe.</td>
<td>5: Write your name on the sidewalk with a paintbrush and water.</td>
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<td>7: Spread out a blanket on the grass and read a book in the sun or shade!</td>
<td>8: What letter begins your name? Practice writing that letter.</td>
<td>9: Sing the ABCs with a squeaky voice.</td>
<td>10: Have your child try threading pipe cleaners through the holes in a colander.</td>
<td>11: Go outside and count all the cars you can see. Talk about their colors.</td>
<td>12: Play with a balloon. Count how many times you can tap it in the air before it hits the ground.</td>
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<td>13: Call Grandma and Grandpa today and wish them a Happy Grandparent's Day!</td>
<td>14: Draw an apple tree. How many apples did you put on your tree?</td>
<td>15: Talk about all the red things you can find in your kitchen.</td>
<td>16: Read outside in a sunny place!</td>
<td>17: Fingerpaint with pudding on a plate.</td>
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<td>19: Bowl at home using empty plastic bottles and a small ball.</td>
<td>20: Bounce a ball outside. Can you catch it between bounces?</td>
<td>21: During bath time, fill and empty containers and talk about what you are doing.</td>
<td>22: Go for a letter walk. Where can you find letters - on street signs, license plates, buildings?</td>
<td>23: Make letters and shapes out of playdough.</td>
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<td>27: Play hide and seek.</td>
<td>28: Read a book about animals.</td>
<td>29: Cut open an apple and talk about what you see inside.</td>
<td>30: Visit the Library website (Kids Page - Birth to 6 - Early Literacy Calendar) to get the Oct. activity calendar</td>
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Talk • Sing • Read • Write • Play

These are five of the best practices to prepare children to read. Have fun with your child!
Children learn best by doing. Have fun together!

Mary Had a Little Lamb
Mary had a little lamb
Its fleece was white as snow
And everywhere that Mary went
Mary went, Mary went
Everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go

Old MacDonald Had a Farm
Old MACDONALD had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had a cow
E-I-E-I-O
With a moo moo here
And a moo moo there
Here a moo, there a moo
Everywhere a moo moo
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
(Also try singing song with horse, chicken, pig and other farm animals sounds!)

Hickory, Dickory, Dock
Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse ran up the clock;
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down;
Hickory, dickory, dock.

Jack and Jill
Jack and Jill went up the hill,
To fetch a pail of water;
Jack fell down, and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

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Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
Head and shoulders knees and toes
Knees and toes
Head and shoulders knees and toes
Knees and toes
And eyes and ears
And mouth and nose
Head and shoulders knees and toes
Knees and toes

Cut up the front of a cereal box and make your own puzzle.

Try threading pipe cleaners through the holes of a colander.

Bowl at home using empty plastic bottles and a small ball.

Go for a letter walk. Where can you find letters - on street signs, license plates, buildings?

Your Library has many resources to help you talk, sing, read, write and play with your child.

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