



EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITIES

BIRTH - 3 YEARS OLD

Children's language grows so much over this age range! For children who are not yet talking, adults should talk to them as much as possible. As children grow and learn, adults should continue modeling language while also encouraging children to use more language themselves, growing from words to phrases to sentences.

Point to signs and read them aloud.	Play simple children's music and sing along.	Give your child access to writing and drawing tools - scribbles are ok!	When you can, join in your child's play and talk to them about it.	Encourage your child to express their needs with the language that they have.
Practice size words. Ask questions like, "Which sock is bigger?"	Use toys with letters like blocks or puzzles. Point out letters that you see.	Help your child start to recognize their name by labeling their belongings.	Sing a nursery rhyme to your child.	Involve your child in reading by asking questions or asking them to point.
Ask your child what they drew and write down what they say in front of them.	Plan time in your schedule to read to your child every day.	<p>Follow us @ReadWithMeNV on Instagram, Facebook, & YouTube.</p>	Read books many times! Encourage your child to join in on parts they remember.	Talk out loud to describe what you are doing.
Be a language model. Use complete sentences and big words.	Encourage language in play by having dolls, stuffies, and action figures talk.	Show your child labels on items and read them aloud.	Write with a finger in sand, finger paint, or shaving cream.	Practice colors. Use color words and ask your child to find colors.
Ask your child to help you hold the book and turn pages.	Use narration while you sort toys by color or size.	Describe what house items do. "We use the oven mitt to pick up something hot."	Play "house" where you switch roles and your child gets to pretend to be the adult.	Play with play-doh, kinetic sand, or other sensory materials.

