

Five Simple Ways to Help Your Child Learn & Grow:

READ!

Share books with your child often - it helps them learn! Ask a librarian to help you find books that will engage your child.

TALK!

Talk to your child. The more words they hear, the more words your child will learn, understand, and say. Talk about your daily activities at home, outside, or while running errands.

SING!

Singing with young children helps them hear different language sounds and rhythms. Singing with your child will aid them in sounding out words.

PLAY!

Playing with children helps them learn language skills, develop imagination, and create stories. Playing gets your child ready to read someday!

WRITE!

Writing and reading go hand in hand. Let your child see you write and let them scribble and draw. Grasping crayons strengthens fingers for future writing success.



Read Beyond The Beaten Path!



MCPL Summer Challenge

May 31 - July 23

Ages Birth - 2 years old

First & Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Age: _____ Prize Choice: _____

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READING LOG

Mark off a book for each book you read with your child



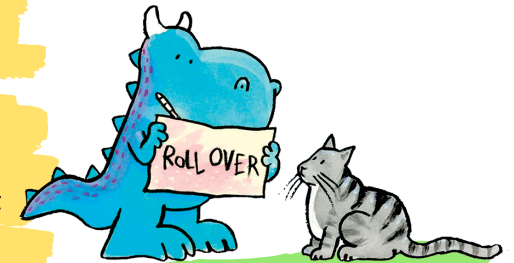
Complete the reading log to earn a prize entry!

ACTIVITY LOG

Complete each category to earn additional prize entries!

TALK!

- Narrate what you do daily
- Tell your child a story about your childhood
- Talk to your child about what you see around you
- Go shopping & name every item you place in the cart



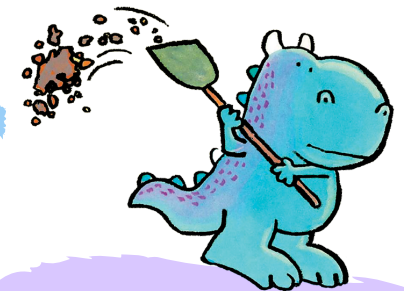
SING!

- Sing a song during diaper changes
- Sing the Hokey Pokey & do the motions along with it
- Sing your child's favorite song
- Sing the ABC song together



PLAY!

- Encourage imaginary play by playing with stuffed animals
- Play with blocks: build and knock down as many times as your child wants
- Sensory play: offer interesting objects to touch



WRITE!

- Scribble: Offer crayons & paper, encourage child to draw
- Play with Playdough
- Paint with water on sidewalk using sponges & brushes

