



Easy Things You Can Do At Home to Raise Readers...

- Read to your child every day. Make it a special time when you both can relax, snuggle and enjoy books.
- Build a home library and fill it with your child's favorite titles.
- Sing nursery rhymes and finger plays to introduce an awareness of speech sounds and patterns.
- Visit your local library on a regular basis and borrow a wide range of books and audio materials. Take part in activities the library provides for young children.
- Use words to describe aloud what you are doing or what you see around your house and community.
- Learning depends on repetition. It is good when children ask for favorites to be read again and again.
- Encourage your child to "read" picture books to you.
- Be a good role model by reading for enjoyment and information yourself.
- When reading aloud, use lots of expression, different voices and sound effects when appropriate.
- Read books that play with language such as poetry, tongue twisters, rhymes, and riddles.