



# Ready to Learn:

## Promoting a love of learning, language and books in your young child

Even before your child begins kindergarten you can start your child on a path towards a **lifelong love of learning**. One of the most important aspects of early learning and "pre-literacy" for children under age 5 is oral language. Oral language is the ability to listen and speak to others. Children who experience oral language difficulties are more likely to have trouble reading.

There are a variety of activities that can help children develop a love of learning, oral language and books. Below are some **tips** to help you start your child on the right path. You can begin many of these activities as soon as your baby is born!

### Tips to Remember

- ♥ Share rhymes and songs with your child
- ♥ Tell stories to your child
- ♥ Encourage your child to draw and write
- ♥ Read out loud to your child every day
- ♥ Talk to your child when you are together
- ♥ Visit the library and take your child to story time
- ♥ Encourage your child to learn new words
- ♥ Have picture books for babies and young children in your home
- ♥ Limit how much TV your child watches and what they watch (educational television watched together is best)