

# Get Ready to Read!

6 by 6

*Six skills by six years*



Helping your child with these pre-reading skills will get your child ready to learn to read!

## Have Fun with Books

The first step is wanting to learn to read. Choose books that you and your children will enjoy. Use funny voices and sounds when you read!

## Notice Print All Around You

Let children hold the books and help turn the pages. It's ok for babies to put books in their mouths! Point to words on the page as you read so children understand that we read from left to right, front to back and top to bottom. Point out printed words everywhere you go. Have books, newspapers and magazines in your home.



## Talk, Talk, Talk

Point to objects and name them. Name feelings too! When you come to a new word in a book, talk about what it means. Children hear and learn more new words when you read books, and a bigger vocabulary helps with reading success.



## Tell Stories about Everything

Talk about your day to show that stories have a beginning, middle and end. Let children help tell the story or act it out. Have children tell stories from the pictures in books. Ask questions when you read, like, "What do you think will happen next?"

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## Take Time to Rhyme, Sing and Play Word Games

Read Mother Goose rhymes and sing with children. Play with words and help children sound them out. Rhymes and music help children learn to hear the smaller sounds in words.

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