

Daily Literacy Routines

Children acquire vocabulary, language skills, and knowledge about the world when they have opportunities to engage in interesting conversations with adults. These conversations will later help children with their reading. Use this routine to guide families in what they can do every day to develop young readers.

1 Talk About Everyday Routines

Suggest that families use everyday routines as an opportunity to talk with their children.

- When children are eating breakfast or getting ready for bed, talk about what they're doing.
- When children are playing, join in the game.
- When children are watching television, talk about the program.
- At the supermarket or the post office, talk about what you're buying and why.

2 Share Family Stories

Encourage families to share their own experiences. Children like hearing stories about when their parents were young. This will prompt children to talk about their own experiences.

3 Read and Talk About Books

- Read a book to children and talk about something in the book that connects to their lives. Allow children to turn the pages, stop to ask questions, and ask to hear or read it again.
- Encourage children to read to you.

4 Discuss the News

Recommend that parents spend a few minutes every day talking about something in the news. This will help expand their children's view of the world.



Research on Daily Literacy

"It is in the texture of everyday life that the developing child is afforded many important opportunities to appropriate literacy."

Ruby Thompson, Gloria Mixon, and Robert Serpell,
"Engaging Minority Students in Reading:
Focus on the Urban Learner"

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