

Literacy

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BEGIN early – as soon as you can talk to a child, you can read to them. Even small babies enjoy being read to. Don't worry if a baby grabs the book, this is natural. Sturdy board books will allow your child to enjoy the book without damage.

O

OFFER children a variety of books. Libraries, garage sales and discount book stores are good sources for books your children can enjoy again and again. Story times at libraries, schools and book stores can give you a chance to see new books.

O

OPPORTUNITIES are everywhere to show your children how written words are used. Street signs, check writing, cereal boxes, fast food signs, all help a child understand how words are used.

K

KEEP reading your children their favorite stories over and over again. They love the repetition. Sit close together when you read a book. It feels good for everybody and helps little ones to see the pictures and follow the story. **KEEP** a book in the car/your purse to pass the time waiting in lines, at Doctors appointments or when you go out to eat.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN:

- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Wake up* by Charlotte Zolotow
- *My Aunt Came Back* by Pat Cummings
- *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss
- *You Can't Catch Me*
- *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Chicka Chicka ABC* by Martin and Archanbault

ADULT RESOURCES:

- *Reading Magic* by Mem Fox
- *The Read Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease