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"The ideal three stories a day are one favorite, one familiar,
and one new, but the same book three times is also fine." - Mem Fox
Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Child Will Change Their Lives Forever

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Talk with your baby — all day long... Describe the weather or which apples you are choosing at the grocery store. Talk about the pictures in a book or things you see on a walk. Ask questions. By listening, your child learns words, ideas, and how language works. —readingrockets.org

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Five Fingers Fingerplay... Five fingers on this hand; Five fingers on that;
A dear little nose; A mouth like a rose; Two cheeks so tiny and fat;
Two eyes, two ears; And ten little toes; That's the way the baby grows.

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Every day is an adventure when you're a toddler... Choose books about everyday experiences and feelings. Your child will identify with the characters as they dress, eat, visit, nap, and play. - readingrockets.org

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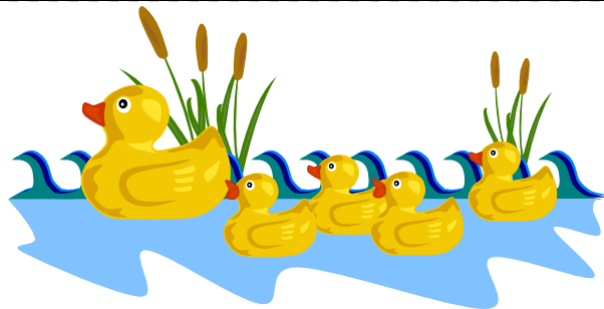
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TALKING

- ★ Make sure your child has lots of opportunities to talk with you, not just listen to you talk. Respond to what your child says and follow his or her lead. Answer your child's questions as completely as possible. Your explanations help your child learn more about the world.
- ★ Ask your toddler to tell you about something that happened to him or her today; ask for more details so your child can expand on the story. If your child isn't talking yet, ask a question, wait for him or her to react with a gesture or by babbling, and then give feedback, such as, "Yes, the two bunnies are chasing each other."
- ★ Ask questions that have more than a "yes" or "no" answer. This encourages your child to think about possible answers and to ask more questions. This increases comprehension skills.
- ★ Use new words. Good readers have a large vocabulary. Knowing lots of words helps children better understand what they read. Begin this early, even before your children learn to talk.

Picture Walk

A picture walk is simply having a conversation about the story, not reading word for word.

1. Choose one of your favorite titles.
2. Look at the cover. Point out the title and author. Talk about the illustration; ask what your child thinks the story is about.
3. "Walk" through the book, page by page. Talk about the characters, and predict what might happen to them. Make a guess about how the book will end.

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Many of the facts and tips that you will read throughout this packet are taken from the Every Child Ready to Read project from the American Library Association.

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