Linked to Literacy

Reading is Fundamental
"There are many ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.” —Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

Kindergarten Readiness


3.) Use books to help teach new words. Books can teach less common words that children may not hear in everyday conversation. As you read, talk about what these words mean.

Source: ALA Brochure, Every Child Ready to Read

The Daycare Corner

Parents need to consider a number of factors when looking for a home daycare provider. The North Carolina Star Rated License system can help.

The Division of Child Development issues star rated licenses to all eligible child care centers and family child care homes.

For more information visit http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/parents/pr_sn2_ev_sr.asp or http://ncchildcaresearch.dhhs.state.nc.us/
Parents Place

Question: How do I find the time to read to my child?

"It's just 20 minutes." Though it is a small amount of time, it is sometimes hard to find these extra minutes in your routine to read to your child. According to the Population Reference Bureau, married mothers had the most time with their children, which averaged to 182 hours a week. 20 minutes is a tenth (at best) of your time with your child, and it does not take dinner, bedtime routine, sickness or any extra curriculums into account. How can you read to your child on those days? Luckily there are things you can do. If you have an older child, have them read to their younger sibling. They will bond, as well as get the necessary reading for both children. There are tons of things you can do. If you are not able to tell them a story or listen to a story on the way home, you can fit storytelling in another part of their nighttime routine. Tell them stories during their nightly bath or dinner. There are also DVDs and streams of books and reading programs. Programs like Super Why, Wishbone, etc. make reading fun for children.

Read alongs are another option. All you need is a device that reads a CD out loud, and your child will be read to while you have some necessary time you need until you can read to your child. If you know you are going to have a hectic day, you can even use this option in the car on your way home. If you do not have a CD player in the car, make up stories! Use different vocabulary, tell a story about a family member, make up a story about them, or their favorite character. They will have a laugh, and you are bonding as well as working on their literacy and listening skills. If you were not able to tell them a story or listen to a story on the way home, you can fit storytelling in another part of their nighttime routine. Tell them stories during their nightly bath or dinner. There are also DVDs and streams of books and reading programs. Programs like Super Why, Wishbone, etc. make reading fun for children.

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Waiting for Superman

Provided is an engaging and inspiring look at public education in the United States. This documentary has helped launch a movement to achieve a real and lasting change through the compelling stories of five unforgettable students such as Emily, a Silicon Valley eighth-grader who is afraid of being labeled as unfit for college, and Francisca, a Bronx first-grader whose mom will do anything to give him a shot at a better life. Included are featurettes, and interviews with parents, teachers, librarians and storytellers on Youtube.

My Kid Can't Spell: Understanding and Assisting Your child’s literacy development

by J. Richard Gentry

My Kid Can't Spell is a readable and accessible handbook for parents that play a more active role in their child's reading, writing, and spelling development. Spelling, after all, impacts virtually every aspect of reading and writing, and it is the key to unlocking literacy. But helping your child with spelling can be confusing. When is the right time to correct misspelled words? How can you help your child move to the next level of development? What are the important underlying concepts to reinforce? Spelling expert J. Richard Gentry offers timely and practical solutions to many problems parents of K-8 children face. The book is packed with tools, guidelines, and strategies that parents can immediately use including development guidelines to teach children literacy, tips for helping children progress through early spelling stages, a spelling test to determine children's level of spelling, strategies to help children visualize words, guidelines for identifying poor spelling at school, ways to recognize if a child has a spelling disability.

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