




























PROMOTING READING IN YOUR FAMILY

-  Spend 30 minutes a day reading to your child.
-  Keep reading materials visible and available throughout the house.
-  Talk about the story as you read.
-  Give books as gifts.
-  Have a family reading time. DEAR - Drop Everything And Read.
-  Sing songs, say nursery rhymes and poems together.
-  Read environmental print with your child - food labels, signs, posters.
-  Follow a recipe with your child.
-  Exchange refrigerator messages with your child.
-  Make reading together a happy time.
-  Take your child regularly to the local library.
-  Encourage your child to write and make books.
-  Establish a routine time for daily reading.
-  Read favorite books over and over again.
-  Encourage your child to ask questions about the story.
-  Take books and tapes in the car. Read while traveling and waiting.
-  Make lists together.
-  Talk about the pictures in books.
-  Make cards and send them to family and friends.
-  Look at the book cover. Let your child make predictions about the book.
-  Let your child see you reading for enjoyment.
-  Make a writing box for your child. Select a special place for writing.
-  Talk with your child as you eat, walk, ride, play, watch TV, or shop.
-  Read the mail with your child.
-  Talk about the story after reading it. Encourage your child to retell the story.

