



Family Literacy Week

Let's Connect! Care • Play • Listen

Toddlers (1-2 years old)

Read early and often!

When toddlers connect with others through reading, they build relationships, their understanding of the world and their curiosity. Reading together builds listening skills and vocabulary.

How can you connect through reading?

- Pick books that are colourful and engaging.
- Let little ones explore and touch books. Board books are sturdy!
- Talk with your toddler as you read the words and look at the pictures.
- Read favourite books again, and again, and again and again!
- Read with expression in your voice and on your face.
- Build wonder and curiosity by talking, exploring and asking questions.



Other ideas to try:

- Connect through different kinds of books. Try non-fiction and wordless books.
- Find books that you can jump, sing and move along with.
- Go to story time at your local library.
- Trade books with another family.

When we read with our little ones, they mimic what we are doing. They build an understanding of reading and what stories are all about.

Snuggling up with a book builds an emotional and physical connection and engages all our senses.

“Growing up surrounded with books helps children achieve better literacy, numeracy and technological problem solving in adulthood.”

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