

LITERACY-AT-HOME

*MAKE LITERACY PART OF YOUR
EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES!*





Read together

Talk together

Write together

Draw together

READING ALOUD TO YOUR CHILD

What are the benefits?

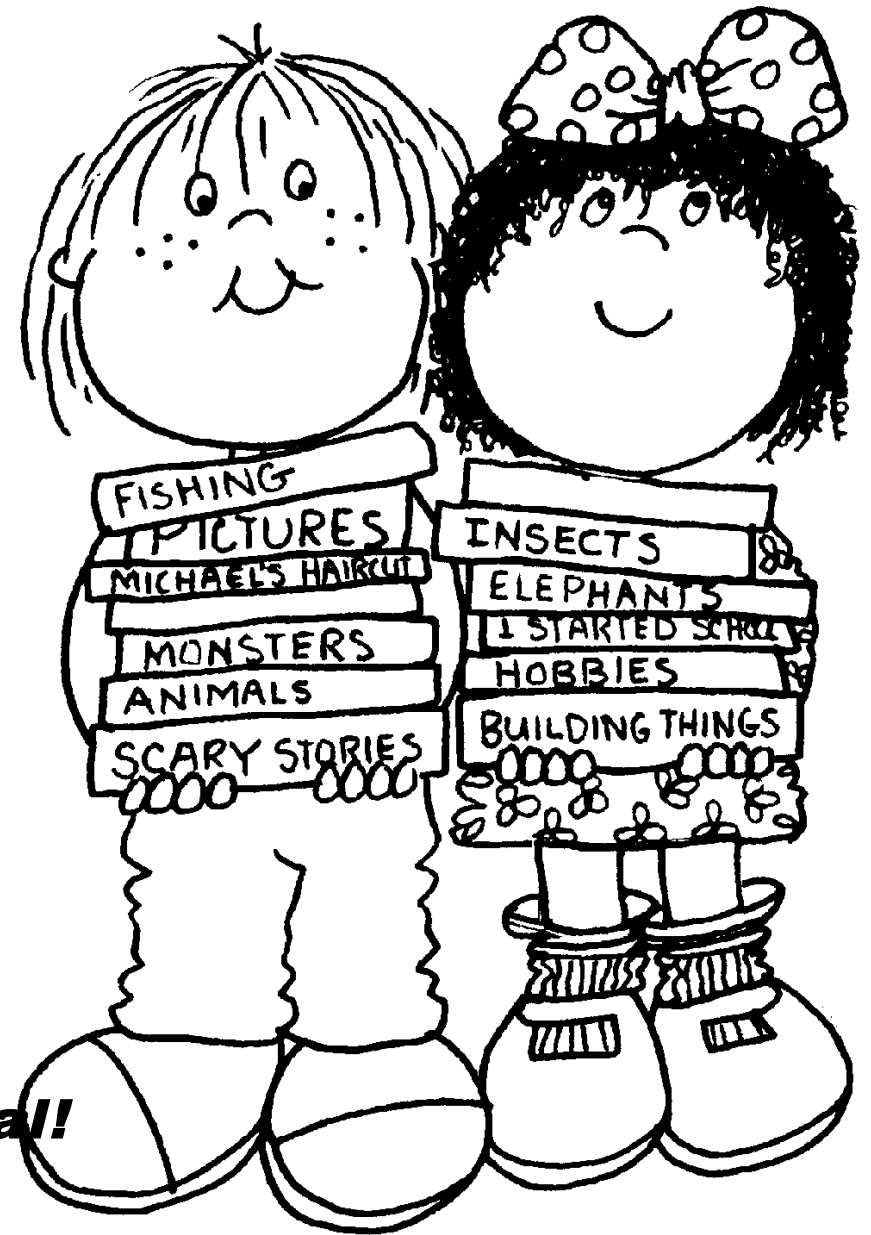
- ***Develop your child's interest in reading***
- ***Making reading a joyful event***
- ***Expands your child's imagination***
- ***Helps develop vocabulary***
- ***Helps to make sense of the world***



What type of books?

- ***Story books***
- ***Picture books***
- ***Board books***
- ***Fiction***
- ***Non-fiction***
- ***Wordless books***
- ***Magazines***
- ***Joke books***
- ***Fairy tales***
- ***Nursery rhymes***

All books are all beneficial!



After the day is over...

Talk with your child about their day:



- Where did you play today?
- Who did you play with today?
- What was your favorite part of today?
- What happened today?
- How did you feel today?

All of these questions are opportunities for your child to answer with more than one word.



When out in the public point out the names of:

- **stores**
- **gas stations**
- **restaurants**
- **schools**

Notice traffic signs and talk about what the signs mean



Play "I spy" to model language and descriptive words.

I spy
with my little eye...
something
beginning
with



Play Rhythm and Rhyme Games

- For younger children use simple words such as "cat" and "bat"
- Listen to and sing along to rhyming songs, read rhyming stories and create your own silly rhymes!





Go

Shopping

Together

Before you go shopping:

- Make a grocery list
- Have your child draw a picture of each item

While you are shopping:

- Read the list out loud
- Have your child find the item by the picture they drew
- When the item has been found, put a checkmark!

A photograph of a man and a young boy sitting at a desk with a computer. The man is pointing at the screen, and the boy is looking at it. The image is semi-transparent, allowing text to be overlaid on it.

Read books with your child about a topic that interests them.

- ***Expand on their interest by: watching a movie related to the topic***
- ***check online websites for more information.***

Encourage your child to talk about what he/she:

- ***sees,***
- ***hears and***
- ***learns about the topic***



**When cooking,
read the
instructions on
the package
together and do
them one at a
time.**

Expand on what your child says:

Child: I like dogs.

You: I like dogs because they are soft and like to cuddle.





Print and Draw Together

- Let your child pretend to write a note, story or letter.
- Have your child draw a picture and ask him/her to tell you about what they drew. Print the story as your child tells it.

Explore the World Together:



- *Go to the Public Library and borrow/read books together.*

Explore the World Together:

*Visit a pet store
and talk about
the animals.*



Explore the World Together:



*Go for a walk outdoors in all seasons
and describe the environment.*

Explore the World Together:



Ride a city bus together.

Play Together:

Visit The Hub



Visit www.sd59.bc.ca for a monthly calendar of the Children First Indoor Playground.

Search early learning programs and events on-line at:

- **School District 59**
- **South Peace Success By 6**
- **South Peace Children First**
- **Dawson Creek Public Library**
- **South Peace Child Care Resource and Referral**



Be physically active every day.



Together!

**Create arts and crafts together
using recycled items from home and
cheap supplies from dollar stores.**





Make music together by banging on the pots and pans.



No Cook Playdough Recipe

1 cup of flour

1 cup of boiling water

2 tablespoons of cream of tartar

a half cup of salt

1 tablespoon of oil

Directions: Simply mix all the ingredients together! Be careful, as it can be quite hot.

**Supporting families
in making literacy an everyday part of their lives:**



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