

# Be Enthusiastic About Reading

1. **Ask questions.** When you are reading, say, “What do you think will happen next?” Or, “How do you think that made the boy feel? Or, “What would you do?”
2. **Read lots!** Take 15 minutes every day to read a story. Also let your child see you reading for pleasure
3. **Have fun.** Smile when you read aloud. It will show in your voice. Make up a new ending for a story!
4. **Keep books everywhere--**in the kitchen, the bathroom, the glove box of the car, etc.
5. **Visit the library.** Get a library card for your child--they are free, and very cool!
6. **Language awareness.** Help you child become aware of letter sounds and build language skills:



**Read books** of poems or rhymes

**Say tongue twisters.** For example, “Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.”

**Make up sentences.** Use the beginning letter of your child’s first name. For example, “Katie likes kites and kangaroos.”

**Sing songs together**

**Point to words and letters**

8. **Here are some book titles about starting school and the book authors.**

“Do You Want to Be My Friend?” by Eric Carle

“Will I Have a Friend?” by Miriam Cohen

“Ruby the Copy Cat” by Peggy Rathman

“Welcome Roberto! Bienvenido, Roberto!” by Mary Sefozo

“Annabelle Swift, Kindergartner” by Amy Schwartz

“Willy Bear” by Mildred Kantrowitz

“Chrysanthemum” by Kevin Henks

“Bernestain Bears Go to School” by Jay Berenstain