



HELLO PARENTS,

Reading with your child helps to encourage intellectual development and increases critical thinking, expands vocabulary, and stimulates creativity. Reading books provides children with knowledge and information about people, places, cultures and history. Parents can model good reading habits to their children and teach them by example. In this newsletter, you can find activities that will encourage your child to read more.

ACTIVITIES

INFANTS (3 -18 MONTHS)

SING STORIES TOGETHER

DIRECTIONS:

- Encourage story telling with your infant by singing together.
- For example, you may sing with your infant stories such as "The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round" and "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star".
- Singing with your infant encourages their early literacy skills such as understanding of sequences of events, vocabulary development, and talking.

[Click here](#) for songs for your infant.

TODDLERS (19 MONTHS – 2.5 YEARS)

READ WITH ME!

MATERIALS:

- Books with large illustrations and lift-the-flap or touch-and-feel books

DIRECTIONS:

- Encourage your child to look, touch, and hold the book. Take turns turning the pages.
- Encourage your child to take the lead with reading.
- Ask simple questions about the story.
- Point to things in books that your child can relate to. For example: "Look at the picture of the dog. We saw a dog outside today."

[Click here](#) to read along with an animated book.

PRESCHOOLERS (2.5 – 5 YEARS)

PLAY "I SPY" WITH A BOOK

MATERIALS:

- Books

DIRECTIONS:

- Have your child choose a book to read together.
- Go through the book, reading the story and pointing at the pictures.
- While reading, use the pictures to play I Spy. For example, if there is a drawing of an elephant, say "I spy with my little eye, something with a long nose". Give your child some clues by describing colours and shapes.
- Encourage your child to lead and choose pictures from the book for you to guess.
- Take turns choosing a picture and guessing it.

[Click here](#) for more reading activities.

JK/SK (4 – 6 YEARS)

FIND THE OBJECT GAME

DIRECTIONS:

- Sit with your child and read a book together.
- After you finish reading the book, look at the pictures in the book carefully.
- Ask your child to look around the house and find the objects from the pictures.
- When they find the object, ask them to find another object from the pictures.

[Click here](#) for more activities.

SCHOOL-AGERS (6 – 12 YEARS)

ACT OUT YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK

MATERIALS:

- Your favourite book
- Props and costumes for your play

DIRECTIONS:

- Read your favourite book aloud with friends or family members.
- Prepare your stage with fun props.
- Divide the character roles amongst your family or friends.
- Put on costumes, and start acting out your book.

[Click here](#) for more activities.



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A TIP FOR TODAY

- Include reading books in your child's daily routine.
- Encourage your child to act out stories from books.
- Visit the local [Windsor Public Library](#) together with your child.
- Have a family bookshelf, and include a variety of reading materials including: picture books, maps, magazines, newspapers etc.