

# Reading

## [How Can I Improve My Child's Reading](#)

### [Family Literacy](#)

*Please read, read, and read some more to your children!*

- Visit the library often to read, hear a storyteller, or watch a puppeteer!
- Don't neglect the power of childrens' own names! Young children naturally like to see their name in print and have a great desire to know the letters in their name. Have children start with the letters in their own name when attempting to recognize and name letters.
- Also, use the beginning sound in their name as a foundation for building sound knowledge! For example, if your child's name starts with P, find other items that start with /p/ like popcorn, puzzle, pillow, etc.
- For writing their names, let children practice *(first letter uppercase and all the others lowercase)* in sand, a small tray of rice, shaving cream, pudding *(Yum!)*, finger paint, glitter crayons, write it big with sidewalk chalk, shape playdough into the letters, etc. Have fun!
- Let your children see you writing letters, checks to pay the bills, the grocery list, anything! Give them their own piece of paper, letting them write out their own list using kid writing *(It's all right if you can't read it at this point - You are modeling for them uses/reasons for writing and reading which is much more important at this stage.)*
- Create a writing toolbox to store fun writing utensils, different types of paper, envelopes, stickers, etc. for your child to have their own writing materials to encourage writing.