



EVLD Summer Early Literacy Activity Program Preschoolers, 3-5 years old

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Talking

Ask your child open-ended questions so they can build upon their language, vocabulary, and problem-solving. Use phrases such as: Tell me about what you made. Why do you think this happened? What will you try next?

Singing

Children's songs slow down the speed of language so it is easier for the preschoolers to hear the individual sounds in words. Sing songs with rhymes, sequencing, counting, or songs that support your routines such as hand-washing.

Playing

Preschool children need to practice scribbling, using "made-up" spelling, and experimenting with a language before they can write conventionally. Have a mailbox where preschoolers can leave letters written to other family members.

Writing

Around the age of 3, children begin drawing circles. Soon, they will begin drawing representational pictures. Their first attempt is usually a person, with a circle body and lines representing arms and legs. As children approach 5 years old, they can create detailed drawings. Encourage them to label their drawings with the beginning sound. For example, if your child draws a bike say the word slowly so they can hear the sounds in the word. Encourage them to write a "B" next to their bike. If your child can hear the last sound in "bike," they can write BK for bike. This is called inventive spelling and it is a crucial part in their writing development.

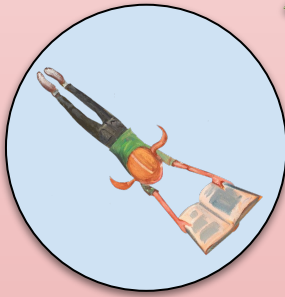
Reading

When reading a book to a preschooler, have them identify a word of the day. Identify common words like "in," "the," "can," "to," or "red." As you read, talk about the story together to build your child's comprehension. How is this character feeling? Have you ever felt that way? What do you think will happen next?



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Read a book and have your child predict what happens next.



Visit the *TumbleBook* database on evld.org. Choose an animal book to enjoy.

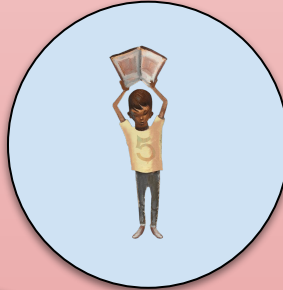
Check out an audio picture book and listen to it with your child.



Clap out the rhythm of words.



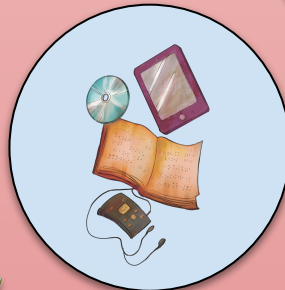
Write out the names of household items and label the items.



Pick a letter of the day and look for it throughout your day.

Write your child's name and have them trace it.

Draw in shaving cream sprayed on a cookie sheet. Experiment with shapes, numbers, & letters.



Reread a favorite book. Point to each word as you say it.

After reading a book, have your child draw a picture from the story.

Have your child write their name with chalk on a rough surface.

Check out a Read-It-Again Storytime Kit from the library.



Learn a rhyme from *Storyblocks.org*. Repeat until your child has memorized it.

Create a "book" out of paper. Have your child "write" a story in it, using letters or drawings.



Start reading or telling a story and have your child finish it. Ask questions if they need ideas.



Use the AWE computer at the library.

Go on a shape hunt outside. Count how many circles you find.

Play "I Spy." Describe an object until your child can guess what it is.

Play "Simon Says" to build listening skills.

Download a song from *Freegal* on evld.org and sing it to your child.



Teach your child how to hold scissors and cut paper.

Have a family dance party! Dress up and use props while you get your groove on.



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