



EVLD Summer Early Literacy Activity Program Toddlers, 18-36 months

Complete **10** activities from the back of this page to receive a free book!

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Talking:

Toddlers are starting to understand the many uses of language. They enjoy experimenting with the different noises they can make and the different results they get from adults around them. Join your toddler in their verbal play. Talk while going through your daily routines. You can begin telling them stories. These can be true stories about your family, or pretend stories that include their interests.

Singing:

When we sing with our toddler, we are exposing them to lots of early literacy opportunities. Most children's songs include patterns, rhymes, phonemic awareness, and/or counting.

Playing:

Act out repetitive picture books such as, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. Use props, go outside, and have fun with the story!

Writing:

Offer your child many opportunities to practice their fine motor skills such as molding play dough, playing with stickers, and stringing beads onto pipe cleaners. Their fine motor skills will support their use of pre-writing tools. Try giving them various tools to use such as markers and crayons. Children begin by drawing vertical lines, then horizontal lines. When they are around 3 years old they will begin to draw circles. Drawing pictures is the foundational skill for writing later on. Ask your child about their "picture," then label what they describe.

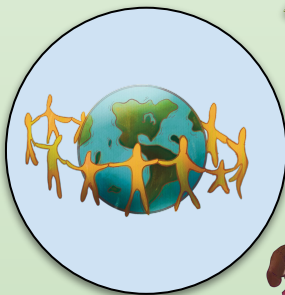
Reading:

Toddlers love repetition! Your child benefits from reading the same book several times. As you read, you are building a relationship with your child. There is always something to talk about from the characters, to the problems and solutions, to how it makes you feel. There is also vocabulary in picture books that we do not use in everyday conversation. When you read words not commonly used in your everyday life, pause and talk about them. This will further develop your child's vocabulary and their comprehension will grow.



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Look for words around you. Identify individual letters.



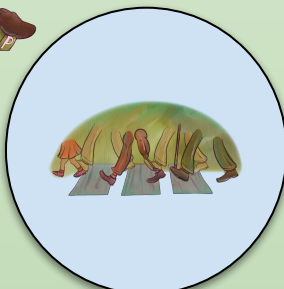
Practice counting snacks (like Cheerios) at snacktime.

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



Read a book together that has rhyming text, like *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*.

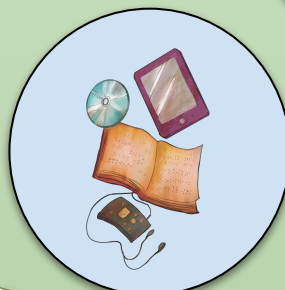
Find 3 different objects. Use adjectives to talk about their textures.



Read a counting book together. Have your child count as you read.

Make 3D letters using playdough, string or cotton balls.

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



Sing "Old McDonald Had a Farm" with 3 silly animal sounds.

Learn an action rhyme from *Storyblocks.org*. Repeat often.

Use thick, colored chalk to create designs on your driveway or sidewalk.

Take turns smelling and tasting different foods. Talk about them.

Practice rolling, flattening, and cutting playdough.

Read a "Touch and Feel" book. Talk about the different textures.



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



Read a book with repetitive text like *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*.

Look for shapes in your surroundings. Point to and name them.

Create a collection of tiny things. Now create a collection of big things.

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

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

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

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

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TOGETHER
NOW**

