



Step 1: Read together 5 times. Any book and any amount of time counts. Let your child decide how much time to spend reading together. Explore books in the ways that interest your child for the greatest impact.

Step 2: Complete 6 of 15 activities listed.

Activities

- Visit the library StoryWalk at Green Lake Park or take a nature walk. Talk to your child about what they see and hear around them.
- Play outside by rolling a ball back and forth on a picnic blanket or blowing bubbles and counting them.
- Practice writing your child's name using different colored crayons, chalk or paint.
- Sing or say a rhyme and clap to keep the rhythm.
- Have your child tell a story about their favorite thing to do in summer.
- Draw a picture or write a few words to describe the weather each day.
- Bring instruments or pots/pans outside for a baby jam session.
- Take a flashlight outside after sunset. How is your neighborhood different at night?
- Have a family singalong. Share a special song from childhood or a current favorite and make up your own motions.
- Dig in the garden with a plastic shovel or spoon.
- Play quiet music and stretch together. Practice counting as you hold your stretches and see how many body parts your child can identify.
- Build and play with empty boxes or blocks. Help your baby make a tower or make a fort for an indoor campout.
- Use a paintbrush dipped in water or an ice cube to write and draw on the sidewalks.
- Flip through a magazine or newspaper. How many pairs of rhyming words can you find?
- Play with squirt toys or pop bubble wrap to build the hand and finger strength needed to learn to write.