

Adamstown Area Library

Early Literacy Bingo

Child's First Name: _____ Child's Age: _____

This BINGO card is based on the five early literacy practices-talk, sing, read, write, & play which are proven to help a child develop the foundation for reading.

Get 5 in a row & return to the library by Feb. 1st to receive a free book.

TALK	SING	READ	WRITE	PLAY
Tell a story using puppets or stuffed animals.	Sing a nursery rhyme. Add motions.	Attend a virtual library storytime	Draw together with chalk or crayons. Scribbles are encouraged!	Build with blocks or legos.
Count aloud as high as you can using cereal pieces.	Sing and make music using pots, pans, or musical instruments.	Read a story. Have your child turn the pages.	Play with play dough! Make letter shapes.	Play dress up! Have them use adult clothes, shoes, accessories.
Point to and sound out the alphabet or words.	Sing the alphabet song.	FREE SPACE	Use different writing tools (crayons, markers, pencil, etc.	Put together a puzzle.
Use facial expressions & words to explain different feelings.	Sing along to a book! Find a book that features a song.	Let your child pick a bedtime story .	Write their name, your name, etc.	Create a town in your living room. What stores and jobs are in the town?
Talk about your grocery lists or to-do lists.	Play "name that tune." Hum songs and guess what the other is singing.	Read an ABC or a phonics book.	Finger paint! Scribbles are encouraged!	Play "I-Spy" while shopping together. Choose a color or shape to point out.

WHAT IS EARLY LITERACY?

TALK

Children learn language by listening to their parents and others talk! The first step in your child being able to read the word "dog" is hearing it as a baby! If you speak two languages at home, it's beneficial to speak both languages to your child.

SING

Songs are fantastic ways to learn about language. They develop listening skills and slow down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words. Clapping helps improve motor skills and helps children learn the sounds in words.

READ

Nothing prepares a child to read more than being read to. Picture books contain words that children don't often hear in everyday conversation! Show your child that reading is important by letting him or her see you enjoying reading.

WRITE

Reading and writing go hand in hand. Writing activities help children learn letter names and sound out new words. Scribbling and drawing are forms of writing and help develop hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills.

PLAY

Young children naturally learn how to express themselves and how the world works by playing. You don't need expensive or special toys. Children learn language and how the world works at playtime. When they dress up, they're learning about different roles in society, problem solving, storytelling, and how to act out real situations.

