



Making Reading and Writing Meaningful

Ideas for Families of Preschoolers

Choose activities that best suit your child's interests

- Call attention to the different types of written materials in your home such as labels, newspapers, magazines, and greeting cards.



- Point out print in the environment such as billboards, menus, signs, and names of restaurants.

- Talk to children about the letters and words you are writing when you write a message to a family member. Encourage them to help you write part of the message.

- Provide print materials such as menus, tickets, maps, and catalogues for children to use in pretend play.

- Involve children as you create a grocery list. Talk about the names of some of the letters and words as you write them.

- Cook with children and let them help you follow the recipe.



- Ask children to help you identify cereal boxes during breakfast.
- Cut labels from snack boxes such as Teddy Grahams and glue them into a homemade book titled Snacks We Like.
- Write a note and put it in your child's lunch box or book bag.