

Early Literacy Tips: SING

A key component of early literacy storytimes is sharing information with parents and caregivers through early literacy reminders.

Using reminders that flow naturally into what is already happening in storytime can help make giving reminders easier and more fluid.

Singing with your child is great for brain development and, more importantly, is an intimate activity that strengthens the bond between the two of you.



Many nursery rhymes and children's songs introduce new vocabulary. Repetition strengthens a child's vocabulary so keep singing songs over and over to reinforce new words!

You don't have to be musical to sing with your kids. They love to hear your voice, and singing helps them learn new ideas and hear the smaller sounds that make up words.

Clap out, tap on a drum, or sing your child's name. This allows them to hear words slowed down so that they can make out the parts of words, or syllables.

When we bounce our babies as we recite nursery rhymes, they are feeling the natural rhythm of language, and that helps them develop language and conversation skills.

Look for small opportunities to incorporate singing into your day. Songs can help calm a wiggly baby or toddler. Picking favorite, familiar songs to sing while changing your baby's diaper or waiting at a red light-- like the alphabet ABC song or another favorite--is an easy, fun way to build early literacy skills!

