



# Language and Literacy at Home Preschoolers (3-5 yrs.)

## How Children Learn

Preschoolers continue to gain mastery of spoken and written language and develop pre-literacy skills that will bolster their future reading and writing. Their imaginations, enjoyment of reading, and desire to connect with others all support this endeavor.

## Activities & Experiences

Provide paper for your child to make their own book. Ask them to tell you their story and write down the dictation on the pages that follow their work.

Write and mail a letter to someone you know.

Pick a simple word and see how many rhymes you can make.

Read fiction and non-fiction books and talk about the difference between "real" and "pretend."

Provide appropriate magazines in your home language for children to cut and glue.

## How can we support exploration and social-emotional learning?

- Plan a day at the library with a friend.
- Ask open-ended questions while reading (what, where, when, why, how...?) and point to words as you read them.
- Take advantage of spontaneous opportunities to promote language and writing development by talking to your child about their interests/activities and leaving space for them to respond either verbally or by using paper and crayons to express themselves.

Sam and Sophie -  
your names both start  
with the same letter!

What do  
you think will  
happen next?

Tell me  
more about your  
block tower!