

TITLE I CALENDAR

Connecting Home and School

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How Can I Help My Child Become a Reader?

You are your child's first teacher. Parents know that reading is a basic tool their child will need for success throughout his or her entire school and college career. Parents can do many things to help their child develop this important skill.

Explore the statements below and think about what you and/or other adults in your household do to help your child get ready for reading. See how many you can check off.

Home Tools

- My child has at least one alphabet book.
- My child has magnetized alphabet letters to play with.
- My child has "fat" crayons and large paper available for writing and drawing.
- My child has a table or surface for writing and drawing.
- My child has at least one rhyme book.
- My child has at least 10 picture books.
- My child can count and match items.
- My child has materials and games to help learn the alphabet.

What I do (or another adult in the house does)

- I read a picture book with my child every day.
- I teach new words to my child every day.
- I have detailed and informative conversations with my child.
- I help my child learn nursery rhymes.
- I encourage my child to speak in complete sentences.
- I take my child to the library or a bookstore.
- My child sees me reading books, magazines or newspapers.
- If English is not my first language, I speak, tell stories, and sing to my child in my native language.

How I (or another adult in the house) encourage my child

- I encourage my child to learn to sing or say the alphabet.
- I help my child to write the letters of the alphabet or his/her own name.
- I help my child learn how to rhyme.
- I help my child learn the sounds that the letters of the alphabet make.
- I encourage my child to retell the stories I have read or told.
- I encourage my child to predict what could happen next in a story.
- I encourage my child to follow more than 1 direction at a time.
- I help my child to understand the sequencing of events: beginning, middle and end.
- I listen, praise and applaud my child's efforts.

Best Books for Your Child:

Alphabet Books, number books or others that have catchy phrases or rhymes; picture books that tell simple stories and books that have repetitive phrases or a predictable story line.

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The Cambridge Public Schools encourages families to become aware of what their child is learning and to support and monitor their child's education. 04/18