

# EARLY LITERACY BINGO

Try to complete this BINGO board. These activities are great for children ages 0 to 6. With practice, your child will master these skills! This BINGO card is based on the five early literacy practices- talk, sing, read, write, and play. These five practices will help a child develop the foundation for reading.

TALK	SING	READ	WRITE	PLAY
Tell a story using puppets or stuffed animals.	Sing a nursery rhyme. Add motions.	Watch a virtual storytime.	Draw together with chalk or crayons. Scribbles are encouraged!	Build with blocks.
Count fingers, toes, eyes, and ears.	Sing and make music using pots, pans, or musical instruments.	Read a story. Have your child turn the pages.	Practice writing letters and numbers together.	Play dress up! Have them use adult clothes, shoes, accessories.
Point to and sound out the alphabet.	Sing the alphabet song.	 FREE SPACE GALESBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY	Make up a story together, and then write it down.	Put together a puzzle.
Talk about your day and its series of events.	Sing along to a book! Find a book that features a song.	Let your child handle the book on their own.	Write their name, your name, etc.	Create a town with random objects. 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.	Check out a new (to you!) book from the library and read it out loud.	Finger paint! Scribbles are encouraged!	Play "I-Spy" while shopping together. Choose a color and/or shape to point out.

# WHAT IS EARLY LITERACY?

Early Literacy is what children know about communication, language, reading and writing before they can actually read or write.

## 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.



## INSTRUCTIONS AND PRIZE INFORMATION:

Complete a BINGO pattern (a line with five boxes in diagonal, horizontal, or vertical row) and earn a small prize pack containing a bookmark, stickers, and a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. One prize pack per child, while supplies last. Open to children ages 0-6.

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