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Welcome to our Monthly Literacy Tips for *Young Children*



It is hard to believe that we are nearly finished with our first semester of Pre-Kindergarten! As we prepare to begin our second semester, Kindergarten registration for September 2013 has already begun! We would like to share with you some of the pre-reading skills that we have been working on, as well as ways to extend these skills at home.

- ◆ Encourage your child to show you how he/she holds a book, opens the book and turns the pages one at a time
- ◆ Ask your child to identify the front and back of the book
- ◆ Talk with your child about the role of the author and illustrator
- ◆ Ask your child to show you the words on a page
- ◆ Encourage your child to talk about the pictures in the book

At first, young children often pay attention just to the pictures in books. Interest in print develops over time. A child may first begin to notice familiar letters, perhaps letters in his/her name, or symbols. Talk with your child about what he/she is noticing. Comment about letters that you see in the neighborhood, on signs, on food containers, in stores and in books. Eventually a child gains the understanding that printed symbols have meaning.

As you read to your child, point to the words on the page. Your child will learn that we read from left to right, top to bottom and also how to move from the end of one line to the next.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments! Thank you for sharing your child with us!

