

January 2022 It Is All About Reading!

Reading is important for babies and young children.

Reading helps, your child get to know sounds, words and language, and develop early literacy skills. Reading sparks your child's imagination and stimulates curiosity. Reading helps develop your child's brain, and improves your child's ability to focus, concentrate, as well as improve their social skills and communication.

- Cook together and read recipes
- Make shopping lists
- Read video game directions
- Write letters to family members
- Write thank you notes
- Create original stories
- Read bulletins from school
- Read a bedtime story (over and over)
- Put magnetic letters on the refrigerator
- Read poetry/books that rhyme and stop before the end of the line, having your child finish the line
- Make regular visits to your local library. All children are able to get a library card in Rochester.

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Children in preschool programs do better when their parents and caregivers support their learning