



## 8 Ways to Create a Literacy Rich Environment

### 1. Create a comfortable environment

Having the right place for children to read can make a difference. Create an area away from noisy activities where children can sit down, relax and pick up some reading materials. This quiet area might include:

- A rug
- Carpet squares
- Bean bag chairs
- Pillows

### 2. Label items

Labeling items can help children recognize words. Labels should:

- Use words and pictures
- Include the languages used by children and families

### 3. Build a collection of print materials

- Subscribe to a few magazines monthly
- Ensure books meet children's reading levels

### 4. Keep your books organized

Displaying books in a neat and orderly fashion shows children that books are important to you.

- Display your books on a bookshelf
- Put your books upright on a table, so children can see the covers
- Get rid of ratty books

### 5. Utilize community resources

- Take a trip to the public library
- Check out books each week to share with the children
- Ask volunteers to come in and read

### 6. Set aside reading time daily

- Choose a book that will peak interest
- Stop reading at a suspenseful point
- Defer questions until after you are done reading
- Ask older children to read to younger children
- Read aloud
- Take turns reading pages

### 7. Read books that are interesting to your children

Finding the right reading material may be crucial to getting some children to read. By knowing what your children like and dislike, you can select what reading material will be best.

- Rotate your book selection so children don't get bored
- Purchase books based on interest
- Find books that reinforce what the children are learning in school

### 8. Offer activities that require reading and writing

- Create a newspaper
- Make science journals and document observations
- Construct books
- Write to pen pals
- Put together a bulletin board



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