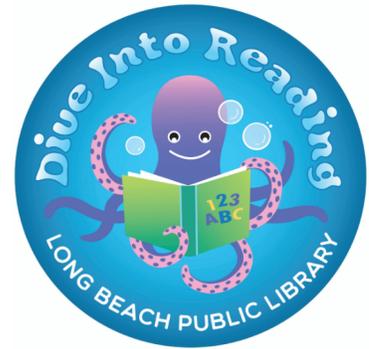


DIVE INTO READING

READING TIPS FOR

TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS

Try out a few of these simple tips to help your toddler or preschooler build a strong foundation of pre-reading skills!



- As you talk with your child, point out words that rhyme. An example “That ball is small! Listen. ‘Ball’ and ‘small.’ They rhyme!”
- Read aloud the written words you see in the world around you. Point out words on street signs, in the store, at the park. This helps build vocabulary and lets children know that words can be written as well as spoken.
- While you read occasionally talk with your child about how books work. Conversations can be as simple as: “This is the first word on the page. I am going to start reading here, at the top of this page.”
- Children are often interested in letters that spell their name. Take the first letter of your child’s first name and talk about other objects around you that start with that letter.
- Ask your child open-ended questions to encourage conversation and discussion. Or ask them to tell you a story!
- Point out and talk about shapes with your child. Knowing different shapes and what they look like will help them recognize letters more easily when they begin to read.
- Talk with your child about how two objects or pictures are the same. How are they different? Understanding same and different is critical for learning letters and many other concepts.
- Name the letters and their sounds based on things you are doing throughout the day. If you see a dog while walking with your child, point out that “dog” begins with the letter D and that it makes a “duh” sound.



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