

NEWS YOU CAN USE

HOME VISITING

MARCH 2021

FUN WAYS TO READ WITH THE FAMILY!



Point to words while reading.



Talk about pictures and make up a story.



Watch a favorite book on YouTube or Epic.



Read different everyday items (signs, cereal boxes, etc.).



Create a cozy reading fort together, with pillows, and blankets, cuddle up



ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE RESILIENCE IN INFANTS AND TODDLERS

1. Show your joy. Show pleasure in your child's accomplishments by smiling, clapping your hands and getting down to his level. "Wow, Joselyn, you scooted all the way to the toy. Way to go!" Celebrating his efforts helps him learn to take things step by step.
2. Provide help as needed. Offer help just until your child can do it on her own. You might move a toy closer as your infant learns to reach and grasp. You might turn a puzzle piece to face the right direction, but let your toddler put it in place. Completing the challenging task will make her eager to try again next time. Asking too little or too much can lead to boredom or frustration.
3. Have family time. For example, you may do some of the following: eat breakfast together every day; read stories every night before bedtime; go out for a walk every Saturday morning. Having regular family routines and activities helps children participate. Knowing what comes next helps children be prepared and take an active role in the family fun.

WAYS TO BUILD YOUR HOME LIBRARY

1. Borrow from the Public Library: One simple way to surround your children with fantastic books is to visit your public library. Put a book basket in the playroom, family room, and your child's bedroom and fill them with library books. Voila! A free and ever-changing library.

2. Swap with Friends: Refresh your library at no cost by holding a book swap with friends and family. Donate a book, take a book, and chat about raising readers with your friends.

3. Shop Library Book Sales: Most libraries hold semi-annual book sales. The savings are incredible, and you will be supporting the community. Libraries know the best books to buy, but they ultimately run out of shelf space or discard books that are somewhat damaged. You can trust that the books at library sales are good ones! Go to your local library's events page to find a book sale at your library

4. Browse Used Book Stores: Used bookstores are often overlooked, but they are fantastic. Build your library with gently used books at a fraction of the cost. Many used bookstores offer a discount if you donate your own unwanted books. Don't have a used bookstore nearby? Check out [Better World Books](https://www.betterworldbooks.com/) online. You'll be saving money and helping to support global literacy. <https://www.betterworldbooks.com/>

5. Go Thrifting: Thrift stores and yard sales often have more books than they know what to do with. It is wonderful when you stumble upon a yard sale where books are being sold for under a dollar!

6. Turn in your Healthy Reading Sheets to your Home Visitor: After completing 4 Healthy Reading sheets and turning them into your Home Visitor you will earn your family a new book! Complete these forms on Seesaw, through text message or turn in your hard copies to your Home Visitor. Ask your Home Visitor if you need more copies or if you want to learn more.

Building your library takes planning and patience. Keep your eye on the prize; you will get there slowly but surely! Books are an investment that will pay off later. Giving your child the gift of books will help her to grow socially, emotionally, and cognitively. A strong reading foundation will help your child academically and will encourage a love of learning. That is priceless!

<https://www.bookshark.com/blog/build-library/>

HEALTHY READING CHART

- Demonstrate/use facial expressions
- Use a gentle voice
- Ask questions
- Sing
- Point at objects
- Use your hands
- Listen
- TALK A LOT!!

Head Start for Kent County
Healthy Reading Chart
SUCCESS STARTS EARLY.

Name: _____ Week of: _____ This Month: _____
Families are the first and most important teachers of their children.
Parent Name (please print): _____ Signature: _____

STRATEGIES FOR SCHOOL READINESS	Week of	This Month	Week of	This Month	Week of	This Month
READ Read and discuss stories. (In your child's home language)						
PLAY Explore through movement and play. (Use numbers)						
COUNT COUNT, group, and compare items. (In many ways)						
LOVE Maximize LIME and management. (Practice waiting and conflict resolution)						
TALK Talk, sing, and point to objects. (Use words)						
SHOW SHOW words from a story. (Draw that story)						

Tip: Ask your child to show you their book after reading to it. Show them you still will be able to get a book out to use themselves.
We are so excited to share these fun facts and strategies you can use to help your child still not to use this, you can use it anytime!

To learn more go to:
www.successtartsearly.org

Children thrive when they feel loved. When you express your love and respond to them, they feel secure and confident to explore and learn. Always use a gentle voice, patience, and be a great role model for them.

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Home Visiting January Attendance highlights

Home Visiting Average
Attendance: 87%

Top Classrooms: Ah Roi (100%),
Ashley (95%) and Jessica (95%)

91 families had perfect
attendance!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	4	5	6 HV Socialization 10:00-11:00 Meeting ID: 891 0141 9818 Passcode: 12345
8	9 HV Socialization 2:00-3:00 Meeting ID: 847 5799 3631 Passcode: 670712	10	11	12
15	16 Reading Month Event! 1:00-2:00 Meeting ID: 868 9114 0017 Passcode: 567617	17	18 HV Socialization 10:30-11:30 Meeting ID: 852 6019 2667 Passcode: 978093	19
22	23	24 HV Socialization 12:00-1:00 Meeting ID: 870 1179 7682 Passcode: 598721	25	26
29	30	31		