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Ideas to Play, Grow & Read

1 As you clean or cook, talk to your child about each step, have them help & tell you what part they are doing.	2 Play <i>I Spy</i> . Focus on objects of different shapes, use some unusual shapes too.	3 Help your child tell a story about a special event. Ask questions & add details to what your child says.	4 Read a book about animals and model the sounds they make; ask your child to mimic the sound.	5 Point out the first letter of your child's name on signs, product packages, etc.	6 Read <i>A Perfect Day for Digging</i> by Cari Best, plant vegetable or flower seeds in a garden or container.	7 Make shakers. Fill plastic with rice or beans, tape closed. Shake to each syllable in a word.	
8 Have your child practice scissor skills while singing the ABC song. They can cut junk mail or recycling.	9 Have your child make 5 "ducks" with dabs of yellow paint; sing <i>5 Little Ducks Went Out to Play</i> .	10 Make up a silly song about everyday activities, such as how you are preparing dinner or sweeping.	11 Read <i>Spring Blossoms</i> by Carole Gerber; take a nature walk and identify blossoms and leaves.	12 Have your child tell you about the picture they draw; write down the words as they tell you.	13 Write your child's name and let your child decorate it; help your child identify and say the letters.	14 When shopping, find items of a certain color, or that start with the same letter as your child's name.	
15 Look at pictures in a book without reading the words; let your child predict what will happen.	16 Read <i>Let's Count</i> by Tana Hoban; count along w/book, then have your child count items in the house.	17 With your child, make a rabbit paper bag puppet; make up a story and act it out with the puppet.	18 When driving, pick a letter and see how many objects your child can find that start with it.	19 Read <i>Growing Vegetable Soup</i> by Lois Ehlert; make soup together, talk about the process & the ingredients.	20 Write your child's name; have them place cereal or raisins on the shape of the letters.	21 Make sounds through a cardboard tube and ask your child to imitate the sounds you make.	
22 Write your child's name and have them trace the shape of the letters with their finger.	23 Read <i>And Then It's Spring</i> by Julie Fogliano; go for a walk & talk about the changes you see.	24 Ask your child to group objects from around the house according to color, size or shape.	25 Allow your child to play with print. (pretend to write a letter, make a card, make a list).	26 Put some shaving cream on a hard surface and let your child experiment writing letters in it.	27 At bedtime, take turns telling about your day; try going forwards and backwards.	28 Read three books by the same author; see if your child can find similarities in the pictures and stories.	
29 Read <i>Stuck in the Mud</i> by Jane Clarke; make some mud! Talk and play with dirt and water.	30 Make play-doh with your child; have them make letter shapes.					<p><u>Toddler Time</u></p> <p>Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 10:30 am</p>	<p><u>Preschool Storytime</u></p> <p>Tuesdays (Bilingual) @ 7:00 pm & Wednesdays @ 10:30 & Fridays @ 1:00 pm</p>