



Helping Hands Christian Learning Center

"Let Us Make a Difference in Your Child's Life"

How Parents Can Help Promote Literacy Development in Young Children

Children are wordsmiths! They love to tell stories. They often come home with a new joke to tell. They are quick to learn and use new vocabulary. "Read it again" is a phrase that often comes from a child's lips.

Each day you can provide opportunities for your child to practice new skills during these important early childhood years. HOW?

1. Talk while doing everyday things. Point out familiar places or objects. Describe and talk about items you see. Speak clearly. Pause for younger children, so they may imitate and understand you.
2. Read books, sing, and say rhymes with your child every day. As your children mature, have them predict what will happen in the story. Invite them to act it out or draw a picture. Ask "Who," "What," "When," "Where" and "Why" questions during the story or in conversation.
3. Provide your child with writing materials and the time and space to use them.
4. Go to museums, visit libraries and enjoy hobbies that broaden your children's knowledge of the world beyond their home and neighborhood.

Providing Support for Your Child's Growing Literacy Skills

Here at Helping Hands, our teachers place a special emphasis on giving children the literacy foundations they need to be successful.

We feed children's love of words through beloved children's literature. In addition to the Scholastic Book Program we provide for each classroom, from infants to school age, wonderful hands-on activities for each book are shared with the children. Older children enjoy keeping a journal. They are able to share stories and practice writing letters, words, and phonics skills. And our rich and inviting classroom book and language areas give children the tools they need to continue to develop their literacy skills every day.

Join in and add more to your children's love for literacy by buying them books as they grow so that their love for reading can grow too!

