

LITERACY NEWSLETTER

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CREATING A “LITERACY RICH” HOME

When you walk into an early childhood classroom you know immediately what is being taught and learned—you see it in the classroom's signs, labels, word walls, graphs, books and other printed materials. Print-rich classrooms are inviting, lively, colorful rooms that focus on the students' reading and writing skills.

But literacy doesn't just stop in the classroom. Many literacy activities, games, and materials can be shaped and molded to be done right at home. Using materials found in the home or out in the environment can be just a useful and sometimes even more exciting way for children to learn.

Whether your child's bedroom, the kitchen, in the car, at the grocery store, even out for a nature walk. There are ways to make your environment a classroom!

HAVING A LITERACY RICH ENVIRONMENT SUPPORTS THE CHILD'S SKILLS IN...

- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

HELPFUL TIPS

- Be open- Children can learn in many different ways, be open to new ideas.
- Be flexible- If you plan something and it doesn't go perfectly that's okay!
- Have Fun!

PRINT-RICH ENVIRONMENTS HELP EARLY READERS TO:

- Recognize print in their surroundings
- Understand that print carries meaning
- Know that print is used for many purposes
- Experience print through exploratory writing

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Reading Materials	Writing Materials
Books	Pencils
Magazines	Dry-Erase Markers
Maps	Letter Stencils
Grocery Lists	Variety of Paper
Catalogs	Markers
Pamphlets	Chalk
Newspapers	Ink Pads
Junk Mail	Dry-Erase Board
Recipes	Crayons
Store Fliers	Letters Stamps
Calendars	Letter Sponges
Take-out Menus	Chalkboard
Phone Book	Paint Brushes



"Preschoolers should see, use, read, and write print in many forms and contexts. This helps them understand that print can be used to give and receive information, express ideas and opinions, create and maintain relationships, and conduct business and accomplish tasks."

-HIGH Scope

CHOOSE A ROOM AND BEGIN...

01

Start with a manageable space, such as a child's bedroom or playroom

02

Hang posters, calendars, and bulletin boards that display words and numbers

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Label objects and areas of the room. Either hand printed or computer generated labels will do—just make sure the letters are large enough for your child to see

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Label furniture and doors, sticking labels at the child's eye-level.

