

# Sing! Rhyme! Read!

Language and literacy activities, such as reading books, singing songs, and reciting finger plays are an important and fun way to prepare your child for school and a lifetime of learning. What do your children get from singing, rhyming, and reading?

- ❖ To make connections between the written word and real-life experiences.
- ❖ To increase listening skills, attention span, and memory.
- ❖ Discover the joy of reading.
- ❖ Increase vocabulary.
- ❖ Use their imaginations and creativity.
- ❖ Gain an understanding of rhythm and rhyme as they play with words and sounds.
- ❖ Use speech for ideas, feelings, and needs.
- ❖ Make connections between their own experiences and those of book characters, which can help them solve problems.
- ❖ Encouragement and inspiration to tell or write their own stories.
- ❖ To become aware of print and it's meaning.
- ❖ Exposure to new ideas and cultural differences.
- ❖ A chance to spend much-needed cuddle time with YOU!

So, curl up on the couch and read your child's favorite book, sing a tune, or make up words that rhyme with everyone's name. It will be time well spent with your little one.