



Family Literacy Beliefs

We are interested in knowing what beliefs people have about literacy and learning. Please tell us whether you think the following statements are **True** or **False**.

| | True | False |
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| You can start sharing books with babies and toddlers. | | |
| You can teach children what a letter or word is through activities using a newspaper or flyer. | | |
| There is a difference between reading “to” a child and reading “with” a child. | | |
| Children begin and continue their learning to read within the home. | | |
| Reciting nursery rhymes with children will help them better understand the sounds of letters and words. | | |
| Just talking to children will help them develop reading skills. | | |
| There is a connection between good thinking and good reading. | | |
| Talking to children draws their attention to things in the environment and builds up their word skills. | | |
| Board games like Snakes and Ladders will help a child become a reader. | | |
| Dressing and acting out stories can help children understand a story better. | | |
| Making letters from play dough is more interesting for children to learn their letters than printing letters on a page. | | |
| Setting guidelines for children, such as agreeing who puts away materials at the end of an activity, is important in developing responsibility. | | |
| Children will learn from watching their parents use literacy in their day to day live. | | |
| Children can learn a lot of print from a walk around the neighbourhood. | | |
| Writing starts when children begin to scribble. | | |
| When children make up stories and you write them down, they are learning to write. | | |

As all of the answers are true they give you a chance to think about activities that will help your child be a learner who is open to many possibilities. It is a short list of ideas you can do with your child to help them.

Parents often wonder what is best for their children. Advice from others is well-meaning but parents need to determine what fits well for their family.

If you are interested in more ideas call us about the Building Blocks program. It provides strategies and builds on your strengths and creativity as a parent. You set your own goals and we work together on a plan that suits your very own situation. Building Blocks is a program that allows you a safe place to discuss questions you have around learning and parenting.

You are your child’s best teacher. You understand what they need and will be with them throughout those crucial learning years and with you as a guide and mentor you will transform their lives in a way no-one else can. Open the door to a Literacy Builder and a world of learning ideas.

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