

Let's Get Ready to Learn about



Literacy Skills

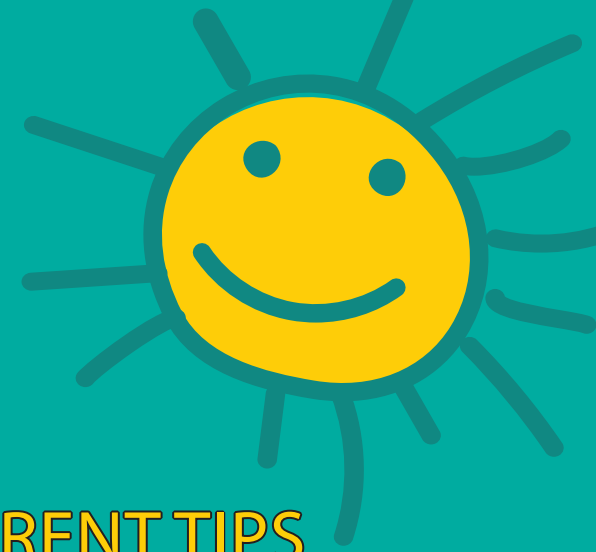
HOW MUCH YOU READ MATTERS!

The average higher-achieving student reads approximately three times as much each week as his/her lowest achieving classmate.



Daily reading at home clearly leads to success!

Achievement Percentile	Minutes of Reading per Day (outside of school)	Words per Year
90 th	40.4	2,357,000
50 th	12.9	601,000
10 th	1.6	51,000



PARENT TIPS

- Let your child choose the books you read together. This will help keep your child's interest.
- One of the best ways to encourage a love of reading is to have regular times each day for sharing books with your children. Create one or more special places to read and write that are well lit and comfortable.
- Show your child that there are things to read everywhere - the back of the cereal box, toys, restaurants, and signs. This helps him/her learn that print is all around.
- Before reading a book with your child, go through the book together and have your child make predictions about what he/she thinks is happening in the story based on the pictures.
- After reading, ask your child to re-tell the story.
- Be a reading role model. read a lot. Let your child see you read and hear you talk about your books.
- And remember, give lots of praise and support!

SKILLS TO PRACTICE AT HOME

By kindergarten, your child should be able to:

- Sing or say the alphabet
- Reognize letters in the environment and print
- Hold a book and mimic reading behaviours
- copy or print his/her name
- Re-tell a familiar story
- Look for ways to make the content of the book relevant to his or her life experiences
- Sing songs or recite nursery rhymes
- Read own name, environmental symbols, and signs
- Tell stories
- Make predictions in stories based on the pictures
- Discuss and ask questions about a story

LITERACY FACTS

- The foundation of language and literacy skills befnis in early childhood.
- The ability to connect language sounds to printed letters is essential for reading success.
- With effective reading instruction and daily reading at home, problems with reading can be prevented.
- Literacy also includes a broader idea of what is text (i.e. media, speech, hypertext, text messaging, symbols).
- Vocabulary development is fundamental to reading achievement and is developed when reading daily at home!

Recommended Websites:

alberta.ca/family-resource-networks.aspx

pageahead.org/childrens-literacy_tips-for-parents.php

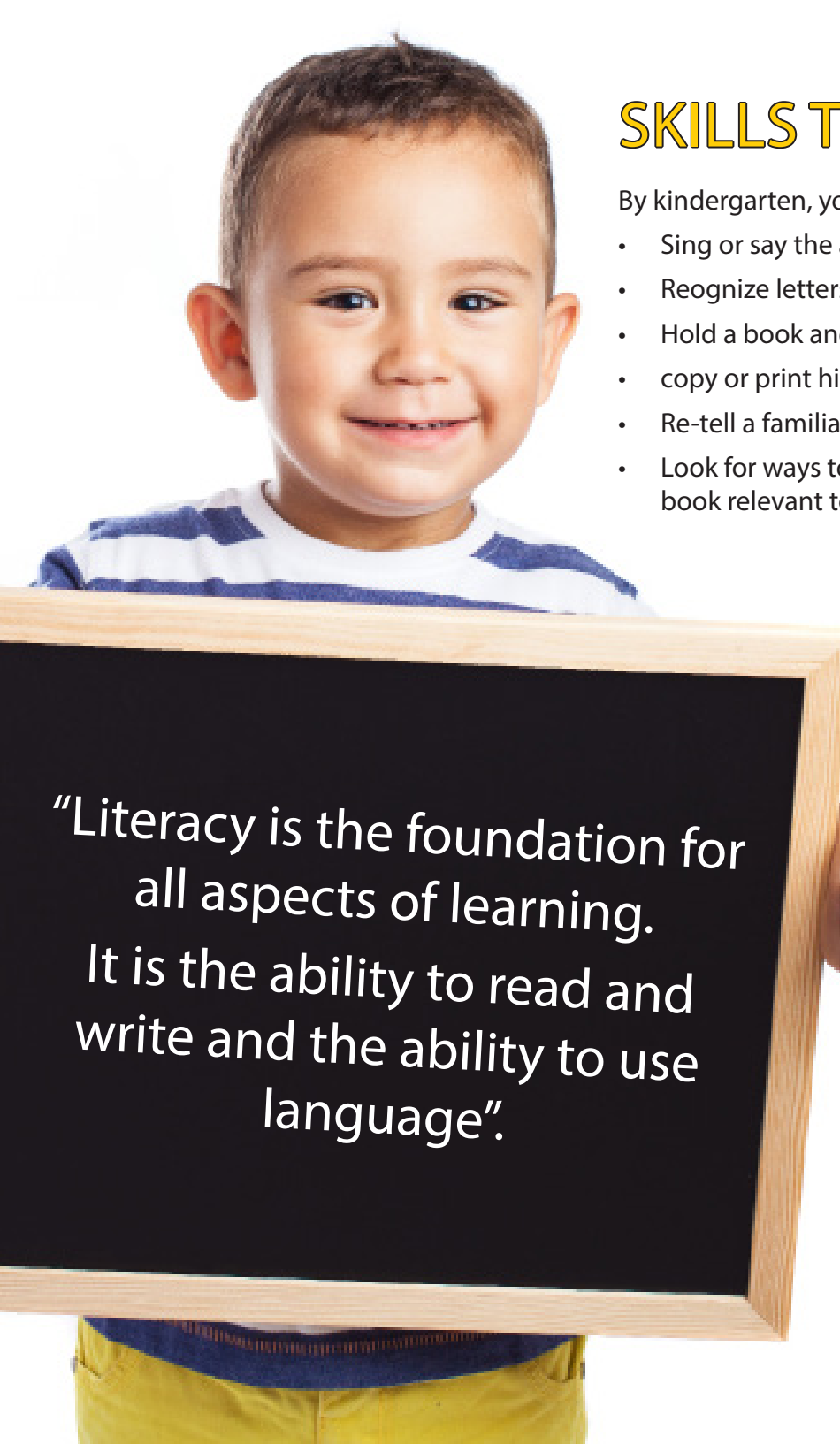
theroadmap.ualberta.ca

Free APPs:

ABC for Kids

LetterSchool

First Word for Baby



“Literacy is the foundation for all aspects of learning. It is the ability to read and write and the ability to use language”.

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