

Read it! Read it! Read it!



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## Family Is Fun!

This month's newsletter is all about family fun. Families comes in all shapes, sizes and colors. They can all read, play, write, talk and sing with their children in order to grow readers.

### Read with your child! Recommended titles.

*Happy In Our Skin* by Fran Manushkin  
*A Morning With Grandpa* by Sylvia Liu  
*Can I Tell You a Secret?* By Anna Kang  
*I Got the Rhythm* by Connie Schofield-Morrison  
*A Family Is a Family Is a Family* by Sara O'Leary  
*My New Mom and Me* by Renata Galindo

### Play with your child!

Read *Have You Seen Elephant* by David Barrow. Then play your own silly version, pretending to be a lamp or a television. Sounds silly, but you know your child will love it. Playing together builds vocabulary as well as love.

### Rhyme/sing with your child!

Knowing how to rhyme will make learning to read easier because it helps your child hear the sounds of letters to make new words. When the whole family is around the dinner table choose a word and see if everyone can come up with a rhyming word. Make up a nonsense story using the words.

### Talk with your child!

Help your child use words and imagination by sharing wordless books. Try *The Lion & the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney and help your child tell the story. With older children use *Chalk* by Bill Thomson. It includes a scary T Rex!

### Write with your child!

Read *My Heart Fills With Happiness* by Monique Gray Smith. Then have your child draw pictures of what fills his heart with happiness, while you write the words. Better yet, have the whole family draw pictures, and put it all together as a book. Be sure to have your child watch you print the words so he makes the connection between reading and writing.



## Babies and books

It's never too early to begin reading aloud short, simple books to your baby. Snuggle together and share nursery rhymes. Sing about whatever you are doing, and talk, talk, talk so your baby learns words.

## Rhyme Time or Sing With Me

Place your child on your lap.

Father and mother and Uncle John (*gently bounce child*)  
Went to market, one by one.

Father fell off (*tip child to one side*)

Mother fell off (*tip child to other side*)

But Uncle John went on and on and on and on.  
(*carefully bounce child as if on a bumpy ride*)

