



Early Literacy Tips For Toddlers 2025

Early Literacy Components:

Phonological Awareness (hearing sounds in words)—PH
 Print Awareness (print has meaning, how to handle books)—PR
 Letter Knowledge (starts with shapes and visual comparisons)—LK
 Background Knowledge (information about the world)—BK
 Vocabulary (knowing the meanings of words)—V
 Print Motivation (enjoyment of books and reading)—PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 Sing Reciting nursery rhymes allows children to hear unusual words that may not be part of everyday language. V</p>	<p>2 Read Occasionally trace a finger under words while reading. PR</p>	<p>3 Write Let your child “play” with food—finger paint with pudding, Jell-O, etc. LK</p>	<p>4 Talk Provide many opportunities for your child to tell stories uninterrupted. BK</p>	<p>5 Sing Music stimulates brain connections and increases attention span. PH</p>
<p>6 Play Sit in front of a mirror together and make funny faces. LK</p>	<p>7 Read Point to pictures as you read and have your child tell you what the object is. V</p>	<p>8 Write Have your toddler use crayons to color on paper LK</p>	<p>9 Talk Spontaneously introduce new vocabulary to your child whenever possible. V</p>	<p>10 Sing Share different types of music with young children: classical, folk or ethnic, country, lullabies, etc PH</p>	<p>11 Play Play “Pack-a-bag” by asking your toddler to bring items to you to put in an empty backpack or bag. Reverse the play and let him name items for you to bring. BK V</p>	<p>12 Read Reading is a wonderful time to do that all important cuddling. It’s great for social/emotional development! BK</p>
<p>13 Write Play with blocks and spend lots of time rolling balls back and forth. BK</p>	<p>14 Talk Share stories about your child’s family and culture so she can learn about her heritage and family roots. BK</p>	<p>15 Sing Make up songs to familiar tunes when doing daily activities. PH</p>	<p>16 Play Look in a mirror together and make faces that show different emotions BK</p>	<p>17 Read When reading a familiar book, periodically ask what is happening on the page. PM</p>	<p>18 Write Give your child different sizes of measuring cups in the bathtub and let them pour and measure. BK</p>	<p>19 Talk Shine a flashlight on different objects in a dark room and describe them to your child. V</p>
<p>20 Sing Toddlers enjoy songs that tell a story and songs with repetition. PH</p>	<p>21 Play Blow bubbles, encouraging your child to pop them with their hands. Count the bubbles as they pop, BK</p>	<p>22 Read Read a simple alphabet book together. LK</p>	<p>23 Write Give your child opportunities to play with paper and crumple it up. BK</p>	<p>24 Talk Talking about shapes helps young children recognize letters. LK</p>	<p>25 Sing Sing short songs with limited vocal range and an easy musical arrangement PH</p>	<p>26 Play Give your child lots of boxes to play with however they want—pushing, pulling filling, etc. BK</p>
<p>27 Read Encourage your child to begin turning the pages of a book. PM</p>	<p>28 Write Create opportunities for your child to practice using child safe scissors. BK</p>	<p>29 Talk Talking to children from birth is crucial to their development of language. PH</p>	<p>30 Sing When your child can speak, leave out a word in a familiar song and see if he can fill in the blank. PH</p>	<p>31 Play Provide materials for you and your toddler to stack—blocks, nesting boxes, plastic containers, etc LK</p>		