



**Taking the time
to have
a conversation
with your child
builds
literacy skills.**



Your community is a partner in learning.

Many of your local institutions are open to the public, are free, or have family friendly admission-free hours. Look for and enjoy:

- Neighborhood playgrounds
- Walking/biking trails
- Community gardens
- Farmers' markets
- Local parks
- Museums
- Libraries
- Religious institutions



Check with your library, doctor's office, school, or community center for more information about free local events and organizations.

This **Oral Language and Literacy** learning guide has been created for families and caregivers of preschool-aged children. Please look for more information on this topic and Approaches to Learning, STEM, Social Emotional Health, and Physical Health and Well-Being on the EEC website: www.mass.gov/edu/birth-grade-12/early-education-and-care/curriculum-and-learning/.



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Talk!



**Communicate
ideas and
feelings
through
conversation.**

**Talk and
listen
together
with your
child...**

“Healthy development depends on the quality and reliability of a young child's relationships with the important people in his or her life, both within and outside the family. Even the development of a child's brain architecture depends on the establishment of these relationships.”

**National Scientific Council
on the Developing Child**

http://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/reports_and_working_papers/working_papers/wp1/

Daily opportunities for building literacy

Playing with sounds and words

What rhymes with “moo”?



Playing with letters

How many ways can you use the letters in your name?



Using technology

Oh, I didn't know that about birds.

Looking for letters, numbers, and words in unexpected places

I spy the number 5. Can you find it?



Visiting your local library

Let's read the books you checked out today.



Building vocabulary

You rotated that piece and now it fits!



Singing, moving, chanting

Let's clap to the beat of this song.



Reading to understand your environment

E-X-I-T spells EXIT. What do you think that means? Let's find more signs.