Did you know?

Reading is about making meaning from print. Each day there are opportunities to read with your child.

Encourage your child to read by sharing:
• Words on toys and games
• Children’s books
• Birthday cards and invitations
• Using apps on devices
• Letters and emails
• Street names and road signs
• Television ads and children’s programs.

Where to start

• Read aloud to your baby/child.
• Make the time together enjoyable and fun.
• Choose an inviting space to share the book.
• Visit your local LINC and/or school library or bookstore.
• Encourage all family members to share in the reading time.
• Encourage your child to choose their own book, helping them to look for books/reading material that might interest them.

For your child to develop skills in reading:

• Encourage games with letters and words e.g. Eye Spy
• Show your child how to open the book, turn the pages and read from left to right
• Support your child to learn the alphabet and listen for sounds in words
• Find books that encourage your child to enjoy rhyme, rhythm and repetition
• Allow your child to enjoy favourite books several times
• Encourage your child to retell a familiar book or story
• Share non-fiction books for information as well as reading stories
• Help your child to find words in books.
For you to support your child to learn to read:

- Enjoy reading with your child
- Be supportive and positive
- Share a wide range of books/ reading material with your child
- Ask questions so that your child knows that reading is about making meaning
- Know that mistakes are good – it means your child is learning
- Try and put time aside for reading with your child daily
- Find reading material that you know will interest your child
- Start a home library by suggesting books as gifts.

Where can I get more information?

- From your child’s teacher or school.
- By participating with your child in the school’s Launching into Learning program.
- Visit your local LINC.