

DAILY DOSE OF READING

Improving Literacy In Children
By Empowering Families Through Reading And Language



TRY AT HOME

4 EASY STEPS TO IMPROVE LITERACY BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF WORDS YOUR CHILD HEARS
"BE KIND TO FRIENDS"

1. TALK

- Use these words when talking to your child about friendship:
- friendship- a relationship of mutual affection between two or more people
- friend- a person whom one knows, likes and trusts
- affection-a fond or tender feeling towards somebody or something
- kindness-consideration or gentleness
- trust-believe in, depend on
- loyalty-reliable, dependable, trustworthy,
- helpfulness-usefulness, concerned, supportive
- honesty- truthfulness, sincere

2. SING

Clap Your Hands! (Suzanne Moore, Mailbox magazine- Aug./Sept. 2013)

tune: If You're Happy and You Know It

[Clap your hands] if you're a friend, [clap your hands]! Clap twice.

[Clap your hands] if you're a friend, [clap your hands]! Clap twice.

I'm a friend because I share; I'm a friend because I care.

[Clap your hands] if you're a friend, [clap your hands]! Clap twice.

Continue with the following: stomp your feet, pat your head, slap your legs, shake your hips.

3. READ

Borrow these seasonal books from the library, or ask your friendly librarian for other titles.

- Yo! Yes? By Chris Raschka

4. PLAY

- Show your child "The only way to have a friend is to be one" (Ralph Waldo Emerson). After talking about the ways we show kindness to others, plan a way to do it! Perhaps you will go grocery shopping and use good manners and kindness saying "please" and "thank you" along your way. Open doors for people even if they are not struggling. Then talk with your child about how it makes people happy and you can tell that because they are smiling. Go to the library for a scheduled story hour or activity or just go to look for books. Talk about sharing and then see how friendly you and your child can be in the Children's section of the library. Often there are books to pick up and put back on the re-shelving cart. Cleaning up--What a kind and caring thing to do!