



The Literacy-Rich HOME

What is a "literacy rich home"? It is a place that encourages children to read and write.

Transform your home in a Literacy Rich Home and show your children the value of reading and writing! Follow the tips below to get started.

*Remember, it all starts at **HOME**.*



Honor Books

Children should feel that having a book is special. Expose your child to all types of books, both fiction and nonfiction. Reading aloud to your child sends the message that reading really matters. Read together often, talk about the pictures in the book, encourage your child to help tell the story, and ask your child questions about the book afterwards.

One New Word a Week

*Research shows that children with larger vocabularies do better in school. In fact, people with larger vocabularies even have higher IQs. Choose one word each week to focus on. The word you choose can come from a book you read together, a movie you watched, or a conversation you had. Write the word on an index card or sticky note and post it where you'll see it all the time. Make sure to use it at least **three** times during the week.*

Model Literacy Behaviors

Be a role model for your child. One of the best ways to help children become readers and writers is to lead them by example. Get into the habit of reading for pleasure and reading to find information. Make grocery lists, jot down notes, and write letters when your child is near so she sees how important writing is. Tell stories and make time during the day to simply talk together.

Enjoy Reading and Writing Together

Set up a family reading area with plenty of books and magazines to choose from. Designate a "No Screens" night to power off TVs and phones and simply enjoy reading as a family. Make reading fun and special in your family, and your children will become lifelong readers!