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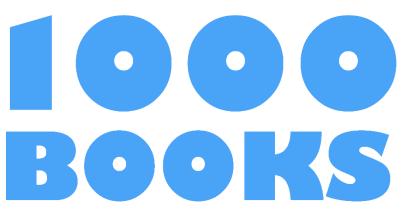
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**Tip** #40: Older babies and toddlers begin to experiment with making marks on paper. Although it can be messy, it is essential for children this age to practice this process. Thick markers, paint brushes, pencils, and crayons are ideal for the youngest writers since they are still developing the small muscles in their hands.

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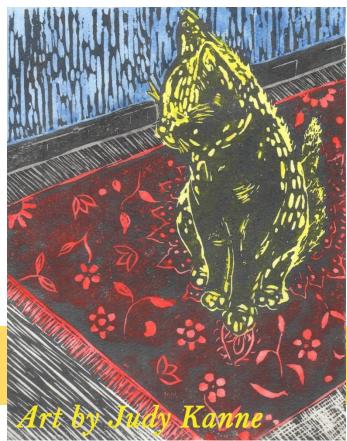
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# **PLAYING**



# What Is It?

Playing is one of the five early literacy practices to help parents work on the skills that children need to have. Play is one of the primary ways young children learn about the world. General knowledge is an important literacy skill that helps children understand books and stories once they begin to read.

# Why is Playing Important?

- Play is one of the best ways for children to learn language and literacy skills.
- Play helps children think symbolically: a ruler becomes a magic wand, today becomes a time when dinosaurs were alive, a playmate becomes an astronaut exploring space.
- Through play, children realize that one thing can stand for another. This also helps children understand that written words stand for real objects and experiences.
- Play helps children feel a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence. This motivates them to try new experiences and not to give up when something seems difficult.

# What Can You Do?

- Pretend play with your children. Pretend play helps children think symbolically and develop oral language skills. As children play store or pretend to be an animal, they talk about what they are doing. They practice putting thoughts into words.
- Use dramatic play with your children. Dramatic play helps develop narrative skills as children make up a story about what they are doing. This helps them understand that stories happen in an order: first, next, last.
- Play make-believe with your children. Make-believe also gives children a chance to act out real-life situations, work through worries and fears, and use their imagination to solve problems.



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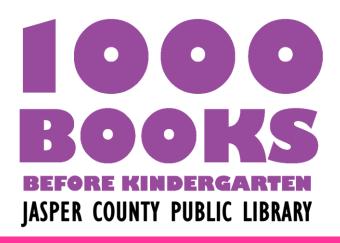
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**Tip** #46s Let your child decide how much (or how little) time you spend reading. You may find that your child has a favorite page or even a favorite picture, and may want to linger there for a while. Babies may just want to mouth the book! That's okay. When you let your child explore books in the ways that interest her, the reading experience will be more meaningful.

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# IS YOUR CHILD ON TRACK?

# **A Checklist for Parents**

To do well in school, your child should meet some specific targets before and during kindergarten. Use the following checklist to help identify your child's strengths as well as areas that need to be developed.

# Language and General Knowledge

# My child...

- Has many opportunities to talk and listen
- Listens to books every day and talks about the story
- Has access to books and other reading material
- Has television viewing monitored by an adult
- \_\_ Is encouraged to ask questions and solve problems
- Is encouraged to make decisions—like which vegetable the family should have for dinner
- Has opportunities to notice similarities and differences
- Is encouraged to sort and classify things
- \_\_\_ Is learning to write his or her name and address
- Is learning to identify shapes and colors
- Has opportunities to draw, listen to and make music, and dance
- Gets firsthand experience with the world to see and touch objects, hear new sounds, smell and taste foods, and watch things move



## Wellness

# My child...

- Eats a balanced diet of healthy foods
- Gets plenty of rest
- Dressed for the weather every day
- Receives regular medical and dental care
- Has had all the necessary immunizations
- Runs, jumps, plays outdoors, and does other activities to exercise

# **Social and Emotional Preparation**

### My child...

- Is learning to try new things and experiences
- Is learning to do many tasks alone
- Has many opportunities to be with other children and is learning to cooperate with them
- Is curious and motivated to learn
- \_\_ Is learning to finish tasks
- Is learning self-control
- Can follow simple, verbal instructions
- Helps with family chores

<sup>\*\*</sup>Checklist taken from *On Track: A Parent's Guide to Student Success* published by the Indiana Department of Education and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.\*\*