

"Back to School" for Families with Babies to Pre-K Children

Yes, learning begins at birth! Parents are their child's FIRST teacher. The first five years of a child's life, are the brain development years. During those years there's a lot of prep work that goes into getting them ready to go to school. But don't worry! We've discovered some great tips for you.

"Children who are ready to enter school are those who play well with others, pay attention and respond positively to their teacher's instructions, communicate well verbally, and are eager participants in classroom activities. They can recognize some letters of the alphabet and can identify simple shapes like squares, circles, and triangles."

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These are children who have been with caring adults who.....

READ to them introducing new words every day. Hearing books read aloud teaches children new words that would rarely come up in everyday conversation. Children learn about people, places and how things work. They learn about emotions and feelings and how to use words to share their ideas. Books teach facts, inspire imagination, and start children on a life time of learning.

PLAY with them. Marie Montessori said "Play is the work of children."

TALK with them and engage in meaningful and detailed conversations.

SING with them.

TAKE them to the public library, bookstores, or garage sales for books.

LET them see you reading books, magazines or the newspaper everyday.

From birth, start getting your children ready for school. Get them ready for their future!!!



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