



LET'S PLAY!

Complete all the squares on the card.
Read, Talk, Play, Sing and Write together!

READ 	TALK 	PLAY 	SING 	WRITE 
Read a book together! Point out the cover, spine and title of the book.	Try using words your child may not be familiar with when you talk. Let them hear new words every day.	Use animal toys while you sing Old MacDonald. Say the sounds of each animal.	Break a daily task down into sequences and sing about it. Example: "this is the way we wash the clothes..."	Trace letters from a magazine or a book with your finger, and let your child trace along, too.
Even before your child can talk, ask what will happen next in the story.	Say the name of each item you put in the grocery cart.	Mix up some spoons and forks. Sort them out.	Sing a familiar song as fast or as slow as you can. Try the ABCs or If You're Happy and You Know It.	Draw a picture of an animal. Talk about what sound it makes and what you know about the animal.
Try to read a nonfiction book with real pictures and new words.	Clap the syllables of words of food your child eats for lunch.	 Free Play!	Sing songs that tell a story like: Mary Had a Little Lamb, Old MacDonald.	Ask your child to draw a picture and tell you about it.
Run your finger along the words in a book as you say them left to right.	Make diaper change or bath time rhyme time. Simply say or sing words that rhyme with a smile.	Play dress up together. Raid your closet and let your little one try on some clothes.	Sing a song that spells out letters like BINGO.	Practice drawing shapes and encourage your child to color in the shape.
Start with your book upside down and then turn it around so you can read it. Show your child to teach orientation.	Talk about colors! Point to items of different colors, and say the color name out loud.	Using animal toys at home or just pictures, talk about where each animal lives.	Sing a favorite song with varying voice inflection. High voice, low voice, silly voice.	Give your child lined paper and a pencil and make a shopping list with them.

Return your completed card to the library and get a prize!

Learn more about how you can read, talk, play, sing and write with your child: www.lexpublib.org.



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