



Help your child fill out the teacher appreciation card in this Play Kit!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12. Send us a photo on social media and tell us why you love your teacher!

Core 4 Skill



Talking and reading

Talking and reading are the key skills for learning to read and write. Before children are reading and writing, they start exploring with words that rhyme, recognizing their name and learning to share their thoughts out loud.

What's in this Play Kit?

This Play Kit focuses on talking and reading - creating and telling stories! Learning to read is a complicated skill, but it does not have to be boring or hard. Find time each day to read with your child, play rhyming games and look at the alphabet with letter sounds. Create an area where your child can draw or write their ideas and invite them to tell you about their creations. Remember, play is the way!

See the other side of this card for more information.



Activities

Sticker stories!

Invite your kiddo to grab some stickers, then create a story to go along with them. Model how to do this by using the same stickers to tell a different story.

Say: *What story can you tell with these three stickers?*

Tell a story!

Stories can be told out loud too! Use the poster prompts to help guide your kiddo in telling a story. Use these new words to teach your kiddo about books: setting, plot and characters.

Say: *Who are the characters in your story? What problem are they trying to solve?*

Make a book!

Help your child make a book by taking a few pieces of paper, folding or cutting them in half and stapling along the fold to hold the pieces together. Your child can draw pictures or use the stickers to help tell the story.

Say: *What will you need to make your book? What should we put on the cover?*

Letter games!

One fun way to learn letters is to start with ones with meaning. Help your kiddo find the first letter for important names like their own, members of their family or their favorite book and TV characters.

Say: *What letters can you find for your name?*

Puppet play!

Bring storytelling off the page! Encourage your child to draw pictures with the crayons and carefully cut them out. Use these puppets to create stories, sing songs or retell favorite tales. Tip - help your kiddo hold the scissors right by placing a sticker on their thumb and make sure the sticker thumb stays up top!

Say: *What puppets should we create? How can we use the scissors to help?*

Need more play ideas? Keep an eye on our social media pages for ways to bring the books - and the things in this box - to life!