



# Grande Prairie Family Centered Coalition

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## Encouraging literacy development

Literacy development is a vital part of your child's overall development. It's the foundation for doing well at school, socializing with others, developing independence and much more.

Before your child learns to read and write, they need to develop the building blocks for literacy; the ability to speak, listen, understand, watch and draw. As your child gets older, they also need to learn about the connection between letters on a page and spoken sounds. For this to happen, children need plenty of experience with:

- pictures and objects
- how you can use words to talk about them (letters and words).
- their shapes, sounds and to name sounds
- how words can rhyme, begin and end with the same letters, be broken up into parts like syllables, be formed by blending different sounds and so on.

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You can help with all these areas of your child's early literacy development by:

- communicating with your child
- reading together
- singing
- playing with rhymes and other sounds with your child.

And the great news is that you can do this in ways that are fun for both of you.

It's great to read with your child often. It's best to start reading from birth, but it's never too late to begin.

Reading with children from an early age helps them develop a solid foundation for literacy. Reading also promotes bonding and is beneficial for your relationship with your child.

Reading with your child shows them that books can give both pleasure and fun experiences.



A FUN AND EASY  
RESOLUTION FOR  
2020.  
READ WITH  
YOUR CHILD  
EVERY NIGHT

Parents/Caregivers and Children Ages 0-6 join us for a...

Free!

### Family Literacy Party!

Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

10 am - 1:30 pm

Prairie Mall  
(11801 100 Street)



Crafts



Singing & Stories



Games & Play

10am-1:30pm Booth Activities

11am • 12pm • 1pm Circle Times

Sponsored by:

