



# A FAMILY LITERACY CHECKLIST-

## for the preschool child



- Have plenty of children's books in your home, easy to reach for children
- Have pencils, crayons, markers, etc., and paper available for children to draw and paint
- Sing songs, play music, recite rhymes, play with language
- Play with your children- much language and learning occurs during play
- Visit public libraries, enjoy the programs and take home books
- Visit OEYCs (Ontario Early Years Centres) and other Family Literacy Centres with your children
- Visit parks, and interesting places (markets, farms, pet-stores, museums)
- Talk, ask questions, and provide answers to your children's many questions. Conversation is the key to language development.
- Count things, point out shapes, and demonstrate simple measurements (big, bigger, huge!)
- Model reading yourself- let your child see how you use and enjoy the printed word
- Point out print in the community (store and street signs, etc.)
- Tell family stories, and keep a family photo album
- Enjoy the routine of nightly bedtime stories- use children's books or tell your own

