





Common Introduction

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<p>Slide 2</p>	 <p>★ Reading is essential to school success.</p> <p>Start now to help your child get ready to read.</p> <p>Learning to read begins before children start school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the time they are infants, children learn language and other important skills that will help them learn to read. • Whether your child is four days old or four years old, it is not too early or too late to help him or her develop important literacy and pre-reading skills. • Developing early literacy skills now will make it easier for your child to learn to read when he or she starts school. • You can help your child learn language and other early literacy skills with simple activities. These are easy to make part of your everyday routine and fun for both you and your child.
<p>Slide 3</p>	 <p>★ Children who start kindergarten with good pre-reading skills have an advantage.</p> <p>They are ready to learn to read.</p> <p>Why is it important for children to get ready to read before they start school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's reading success in kindergarten and beyond begins with positive language and literacy experiences from the time they are infants. • If children develop pre-reading skills before they start kindergarten, they can focus on learning to read once they begin school. • Children who start kindergarten ready to learn to read have greater success throughout their school years. They are more likely to read at or above grade level by the end of 2nd grade. Children who read at or above grade level by the end of 4th grade are much more likely to graduate from high school and be successful readers and learners throughout their lives.
<p>Slide 4</p>	 <p>★ You are your child's first teacher. You know your child best. Children learn best by doing, and they love doing things with you.</p> <p>Why is it so important for children to get ready to read?</p>	<p>You have been your child's teacher from the day he or she was born. You know more about your child than anyone else. You are in the best position to help your child get ready to read because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young children have short attention spans. You can do activities for short bits of time throughout the day. • You can help your children learn in ways and at times that are best for them. • You are a tremendous role model—if your children see that you think reading is important and enjoy it, they will follow your lead. Children often imitate what you do. • Children learn best by doing—and they love doing things with YOU. We are here to help you.
<p>Slide 5</p>	 <p>★ Five simple practices help children get ready to read.</p> <p>Talking Singing Reading Writing Playing</p> <p>How can you get ready to read every day?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are going to talk about five ways to help children learn pre-reading skills and get ready to read. These five practices are easy to do with children of all ages. They can be done at home, at the doctor's office, in the car, or anywhere you and your child spend time together. • You will have ideas for how to use these practices today with your child. And I am sure you will notice some things you are already doing! • The five best ways to help your child get ready to read are: Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing, Playing • The WAY you do these activities makes a difference in your children's pre-reading skills.