



## Your community is a partner in learning.

Many of your local institutions are open to the public, are free, or have family friendly admission-free hours. Look for and enjoy:

- Neighborhood playgrounds
- Walking/biking trails
- Community gardens
- Farmers' markets
- Local parks
- Museums
- Libraries
- Religious institutions



Check with your library, doctor's office, school, or community center for more information about free local events and organizations.

This **Oral Language and Literacy** learning guide has been created for families and caregivers of preschool-aged children. Please look for more information on this topic and Approaches to Learning, STEM, Social Emotional Health, and Physical Health and Well-Being on the EEC website: [www.mass.gov/edu/birth-grade-12/early-education-and-care/curriculum-and-learning/](http://www.mass.gov/edu/birth-grade-12/early-education-and-care/curriculum-and-learning/).



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# Talk!



## Talk and listen together with your child...

“Healthy development depends on the quality and reliability of a young child’s relationships with the important people in his or her life, both within and outside the family. Even the development of a child’s brain architecture depends on the establishment of these relationships.”

National Scientific Council on the Developing Child

## Communicate ideas and feelings through conversation.

## Taking the time to have a conversation with your child builds literacy skills.



# Daily opportunities for building literacy

## Playing with sounds and words

What rhymes with “moo”?



## Using technology

Oh, I didn't know that about birds.

## Looking for letters, numbers, and words in unexpected places

I spy the number 5. Can you find it?



## Visiting your local library

Let's read the books you checked out today.



## Playing with letters

How many ways can you use the letters in your name?



## Singing, moving, chanting

Let's clap to the beat of this song.



## Reading to understand your environment

E-X-I-T spells EXIT. What do you think that means? Let's find more signs.



## Building vocabulary

You rotated that piece and now it fits!