

# Helping Your Children Be Ready to Learn to Read



**Exploring Sounds**  
All around, rhyming,  
beginning word sounds



**Noticing Print**  
All around, handling books,  
direction of text



**Exploring Letters**  
Recognizing shapes, matching,  
knowing letters and some letter sounds



**Recognizing and Knowing Words**  
Understanding words,  
using many words



**Knowing and Sharing Information**  
Know about the world, how things work,  
factual information



**Fun with Books and Reading**



**Telling and Retelling Stories**  
Talking about what happened,  
imaging and telling stories