



Strong Start to reading™
"Making a difference in the life of a child"

Learning Through Play

Play is the way children learn. It is the way that young children first make sense of their world. Through play, they develop the ability to think, solve problems, take turns, learn new words and have fun! When children are playing games and having fun, they often don't realize how much they are learning. The games and activities in this resource will support your child in learning important reading and writing skills as they engage in play.

Let's see why...

- Play is the important work of children.
- Children's brains develop through exploration, thinking skills and language expression that happen during play.
- Play lets your child use their imagination, creativity and problem-solving skills as they have fun.

Let's get started...

- Set your child up for success by starting with what your child knows already and build new learning into the game.
- Play the games and activities with your child, taking turns.
- Have fun yourself and make the experience light and enjoyable. Children learn faster when they are having fun playing.
- Ask for your child's ideas to change the activity. You'll be surprised at the great suggestions they come up with.
- Watch as your child builds confidence and gains valuable skills that will help them learn to read and write.
- Children learn best in a positive environment. Encourage and praise effort as well as success. You are looking for progress, not perfection!



You did it!

**Look at all
the words you
know!**

Great try!