

<h3>The Power and Pleasure of Literacy</h3> <p>Critical feature : daily meaningful interactions with adults through positive literacy experiences.</p> <p>When children see parents reading for pleasure, children see reading to as a positive activity. Remember the importance of fathers reading to children, especially boys.</p> <p>How to incorporate into family life?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading and telling stories with children. Having fun with language. Creating enjoyable times to read and write with children. Discovering the benefits of reading and writing in everyday activities. 	<h3>Language Development</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimal oral language development occurs when children experience a large quantity of discourse, and a variety of language, in interactions with adults and each other. Developing language skills and word knowledge in meaningful contexts. <p>How to incorporate into family life?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having extended, meaningful conversations with children. Incorporating meaningful conversations into everyday activities. Telling family stories. Lots of varied family experiences to talk about.
<h3>The Literate Environment</h3> <p>Provides opportunities to broaden social knowledge and language development.</p> <p>Language-rich experiences with others, use of print in purposeful ways, and a variety and abundance of literacy materials.</p> <p>How to incorporate into family life?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating a literacy-rich home environment with lots of discussion. Books, newspapers, alphabet puzzles & fridge magnets, posters. Paper, pencils, pens, post it notes, blank cards. Menus, bus timetables, ads, maps, recipes. 	<h3>Building Knowledge and Comprehension</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through enriching experiences with family and at school, children build knowledge that allows them to assimilate new learning and refine knowledge and concepts. Conversations about books induce higher level thinking and help children bridge ideas and information from the book into their own lives. <p>How to incorporate into family life?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having regular 'book talks' with children. Planning, and following up on, family outings, holidays and new experiences to build world and word knowledge. Providing opportunities for spontaneous play related to stories and experiences. Sometimes plan family experiences after reading a book on a topic.