

Top Literacy and Numeracy Tips for Parents

Early Years

Literacy

- Try to make reading time a happy part of your daily routine – just 10 minutes a day can make a big difference. Check out Learning Potential for tips and ideas on [reading to your child](#).
- Have a range of children's books available around the home and within reach for your child to choose at any time. Visit your local library and let your child choose books they like. Learning Potential has helpful tips on [choosing books for your child](#).
- Telling stories, nursery rhymes and [singing songs](#) are a great way to improve your little one's vocabulary, memory and rhythm for reading.

Numeracy

- Talk about numbers and count things with your child every day. Try this [fun activity with plastic cups](#) to practise early maths skills with your little one.
- [Cooking with your child](#) is great for developing early maths skills. Talk to your child about shapes, sizes and quantities while they watch or help you cook. For example, 'I need one large carrot and one small potato' or 'I am cutting our sandwiches in triangles today.'
- [Play 'shops'](#) with things from around the house, using shopping bags, old purses or wallets and real or play money.
- Encourage your child to sort different things by size, shape or colour, like blocks, clothing, toys and pegs. Check out Learning Potential for some fun [sorting activities](#) you can try with your little one.
- Playing with [puzzles](#) is another great activity that can help your child develop their maths skills.

Check out [Learning Potential](#) for other learning activities you can try with your child.