

## Selected Early Literacy Web Sites Containing Research, Curriculum Content, and Home Activities

A Child Becomes A Reader

[www.parentsaction.org/media/lowreschildreaderB-K.pdf](http://www.parentsaction.org/media/lowreschildreaderB-K.pdf)

This site holds a 35-page document regarding babies' development, talking to children, recommended reading, milestone information, and recommended activities.

Babies Love Books

[www.slco.lib.ut.us/Babies99.htm](http://www.slco.lib.ut.us/Babies99.htm)

This Web site is geared to parents and lists books in categories from newborn through 12 months and includes strategies for reading to infants and toddlers.

Bonding with Baby

[www.bondingwithbaby.org](http://www.bondingwithbaby.org)

Bonding with Baby is information for parents and providers on the benefits of reading to children. It includes instructions on book-sharing articles and links to other sites.

Born to Sign

<http://www.borntosign.com/>

This site helps you to search for signs in American Sign Language. You can read the description of the sign and see it in video.

Colorin' Colorado - Part of the Reading Rockets organization.

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/homepage.php>

This bilingual Spanish-English Web site helps parents to help kids learn to read and includes recommended books and at-home activities and has a section for educators.

Coloring

<http://www.coloring.ws>

This site has clip art that can be printed for children to color. It also has puzzles and activities appropriate for preschool-age children.

The Emergent Literacy Project

<http://idahocdhd.org/cdhd/emerglit>

This site provides articles on emergent literacy.

Encouraging Pre-Literacy Skills in Children with Speech and Language Disorders

[http://members.tripod.com/~Caroline\\_Bowen/pre-literacy.html](http://members.tripod.com/~Caroline_Bowen/pre-literacy.html)

Caroline Bowen, a speech and language pathologist, presents curriculum ideas and tips to nurture pre-reading skills, rhyming, and phoneme segmentation.

First-School.ws

<http://www.first-school.ws/>

First-School features free fun preschool lesson plans, educational early childhood activities, printable crafts, worksheets, calendar of events and other resources. The preschool crafts, lesson plans, and activities are appropriate and adaptable for toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarten level (ages 2 to 6).



Get Ready to Read

[www.getreadytoread.org](http://www.getreadytoread.org)

**Get Ready to Read!** is a part of a national initiative to provide parents, educators, health-care professionals, and advocates with information to help build early literacy skills by integrating emergent literacy screening and learning activities into routine early childhood education, child-care, and parenting practices.

Hap Palmer.com

<http://www.happalmer.com>

Hap Palmer sings children's songs and writes lyrics. On this site, you can find words to songs, listen to songs, and order books.

Houghton Mifflin Education Place

[http://www.eduplace.com/rdg/res/literacy/em\\_lit0.html](http://www.eduplace.com/rdg/res/literacy/em_lit0.html)

Articles including "What Is Emergent Literacy and How Do Young Children Become Readers and Writers?" are contained on this site.

International Reading Association

[www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org)

This reading Web site archives emergent literacy research, classroom information, developmental studies, and resource links.

National Association for the Education of Young Children

[www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

Search for articles on emergent literacy for teachers and parents on this Web site. It includes samples and critiques of literacy programs.

National Child Care Information Center

[www.nccic.org](http://www.nccic.org)

This site includes information on research, programs, and early literacy and offers links to publications.

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center

[www.nectac.org](http://www.nectac.org)

One section of this site is devoted to early literacy including information on the Ready to Read, Ready to Learn initiative, and local, state, and national themes. It provides links to other early literacy sites and the U.S. Department of Education.

National Literacy Trust

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/Research/earlyindex.html>

On this Web site, research papers can be found on many different facets of early literacy including early literacy development and preschool early literacy evidence.

North Central Regional Educational Laboratory

<http://www.ncrel.org/sdrs/areas/issues/content/cntareas/reading/li1lk38.htm>

This site has home literacy activities appropriate for infants and toddlers including reading, book talk, extended discourse, language play, writing, and dramatic play.

Pre-K Smarties

[www.preksmarties.com/babies/index.htm](http://www.preksmarties.com/babies/index.htm)

Pre-K Smarties contains articles about how to develop a baby's intelligence at an early age with books and also has a section on "Smart Preschoolers".



Reach Out and Read

[www.reachoutandread.com](http://www.reachoutandread.com)

This site contains information on selecting books, developmental milestones, reading tips and literacy links for children birth–5 years of age.

Reading Rockets

[www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org)

Reading Rockets is a national multimedia project funded by a major grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Reading Rockets has a PBS television series, an extensive Web site about how youngsters learn to read and why so many struggle, a mentoring project, and a teleconference series for professional development.

Zero To Three Web Site – BrainWonders

[www.zerotothree.org/brainwonders/EarlyLiteracy.html](http://www.zerotothree.org/brainwonders/EarlyLiteracy.html)

Lists of resources, Web sites, and literature on brain development are included here. It also has sections on early literacy, benefits, and recommended tips. It divides baby development into emotions/relations, vision, hearing, motor coordination, and language development.

