TALKING about your day, pointing out and naming what you see around you is one of the best ways to develop language. Talk about: My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann. Children practice their vocabulary skills by identifying the animals and practicing their storytelling skills by describing the story they see in the pictures.

SINGING songs introduces new ideas, concepts and vocabulary. Children hear the distinct sounds that make up words. Sing about: Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin. Some books are made to be sung. Even if you don’t know the tune, you can make it up!

READING together every day, and talking about what you read helps children develop literacy skills. Read about: I Got the Rhythm by Connie Schofield-Morrison. Reading is better when everyone participates, so have your child repeat the large words and act out the actions.

WRITING, drawing, and scribbling help children understand that written words represent ideas, places, and events. Write about: LMNO Peas by Keith Baker. Have your child trace the letters with a finger and practice writing their own big letters.

PLAYING requires only imagination and encouragement. Children learn how to express themselves and understand their world through play. Play with: Tuck Me In! by Dean Hacohen. This interactive book encourages children to “play” by turning the pages to tuck the animals in for bedtime.

KEEP TALKING
- Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña
- Here Are My Hands by Bill Martin
- Say Hello! by Rachel Isadora

KEEP SINGING
- Wheels on the Tuk Tuk by Surishtha Sehgal
- Maria Had a Little Llama/María Tenía Una Llamita by Angela Dominguez
- CD: Rock the Baby by Mr. Al
- CD: Whaddya Think of That? by Laurie Berkner

KEEP READING
- Looking for Bongo by Eric Velasquez
- What’s Your Sound, Hound the Hound? by Mo Willems
- Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox

KEEP WRITING
- One Day, the End by Rebecca Dotlich
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin
- First the Egg by Laura Seeger

KEEP PLAYING
- Book-o-Beards by Donald Lemke
- Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
- Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson
Help your child get ready to READ!

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