## DAILY LITERACY PRACTICE



During infancy, children develop important language and listening skills. This log is designed to explore the five best ways to develop a child's literacy: read, write, talk, sing, play.

### **READ**

Shared reading increases a child's vocabulary and background knowledge. Most importantly, the experience of closeness with caregivers develops a child's love of reading.

### **WRITE**

Writing practice, which includes scribbling and drawing, builds muscles for fine motor skills. Writing with children helps with print awareness. The letters spell words and the words tell stories!

### TALK

Talking builds language and vocabulary skills. Children gain knowledge about their world through hearing conversations long before they can speak.

### SING

Singing develops listening skills and brings attention to rhythm and rhyme, a reading skill. Children are able to hear more sounds since music slows down language.

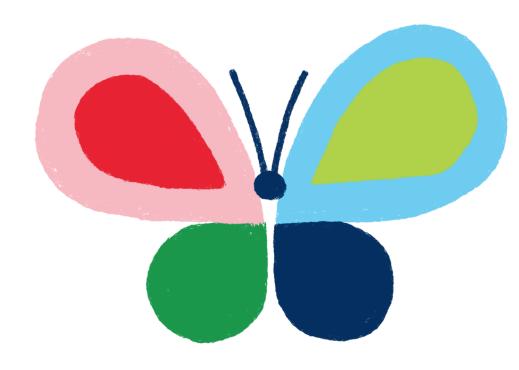
### **PLAY**

Playing develops motor and social skills. Pretend play develops a child's ability to think symbolically and understand that a written word is a symbol for real objects and people.

# EARLY READERS







Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS & CARETAKERS:**

- Read to your child for at least 15 minutes each day.
- Write, talk, sing, or play together.
- Color a shape for each day of both reading and completing one other Daily Literacy Practice. Complete 40 days of literacy practice and bring this log to the Library Temporary Location by August 1, 2025 for a reward!

