



# Family Literacy Week



January 26 - February 2, 2020

"Reading takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere."

~ Hazel Rochman

## Supporting Literacy at Home

### Younger Children

- Read books and nursery rhymes aloud together
- Talk daily about home and community life
- Sing, draw and tell stories

### Older Children

- Play word games
- Point out interesting or unfamiliar words
- Ask questions before, during or after reading



## Why read with children at home?

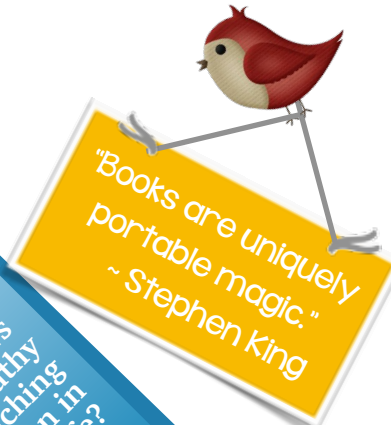
- Helps in language development
- Aids in brain development
- Aids in understanding a world outside our own
- Strengthens family relationships
- Improves imagination and creativity
- Leads to academic success

Reading helps to develop the Core Competencies



"Children who learn to read in their native language first will have an easier time learning to read in their second language than children who never learned how to read in their first language."<sup>1</sup>

- Read and discuss books in your first language together
- Keep first language print material in your home such as books, greeting cards, magazines, and newspapers
- Encourage your child to use their first language to tell stories



If a child reads for 20 minutes each day...

they will read 1 800 000 words per year.

By the end of grade 6, they will have read for 850 hours!

How might these minutes and hours spark joy, empathy and enriching conversation in your family life?



<sup>1</sup><https://www.colorincolorado.org/article/why-reading-your-kids-your-home-language-will-help-them-become-better-readers>  
<https://www.wcpo.com/brand-spotlight/how-reading-20-minutes-a-day-impacts-your-child-amazon-kindle>  
<https://improvingliteracy.org/brief/supporting-your-childs-literacy-development-home>