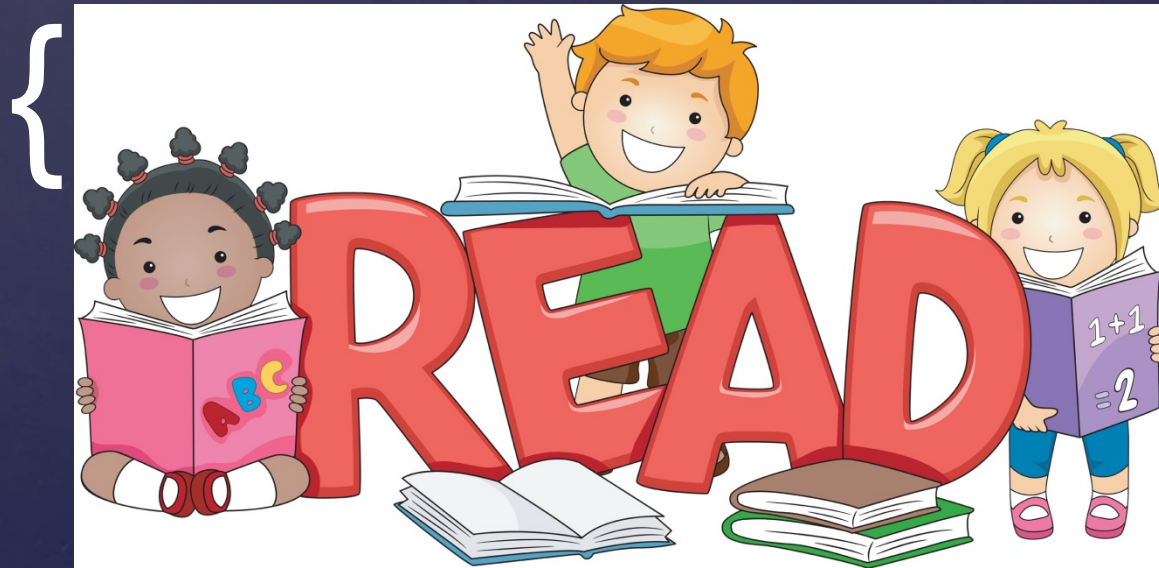


# *Supporting Your Child's Literacy Journey During Kindergarten*



- By laying the right foundation for their child's success in kindergarten, parents can prime him/her for accomplishing great academic strides.
- Children are wordsmiths! They love to tell stories. They often come home with a new joke to tell. They are quick to learn and use new vocabulary.



# What We Know About Learning to Read

- Learning to read is difficult and does not happen naturally. It requires explicit and systematic instruction, which is especially important for struggling readers.
- Learning to read involves many different skills that must be taught to your child.
- Instruction in phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension will help your child learn to read.
- Young children often need explicit instruction in phonological awareness and phonics.
- Your child needs to be able to sound out words correctly and quickly to understand what she reads.
- As children get older, the need for this instruction typically lessens unless they continue to struggle with these skills.
- Teaching vocabulary and comprehension also begins when your child is young and continues throughout the school years.
- Your child's reading comprehension can also improve when she writes about what she reads.

# How To Build Reading Skills in Your Kindergartener

- Taking part in literacy experiences at home can develop your child's reading ability, comprehension, and language skills.
- Activities that you can engage in at home include: joint reading, drawing, singing, storytelling, reciting, game playing, and rhyming.
- You can tailor activities to your child's age and ability level, and can incorporate technology into your learning opportunities.



# Help Your Child See the Journey's End

**Asking questions can help your child understand what she reads. Aim for ones that can be answered with more than one or two words.**



**Before reading, look at the cover and talk about what the book might be about.**

**During reading, ask your child about letters, sounds, words, or ideas. Encourage her to use information from the book to answer.**

**After reading, ask your child what happened in the book. Have her make connections to her life.**

# Be Your Child's Tour Guide



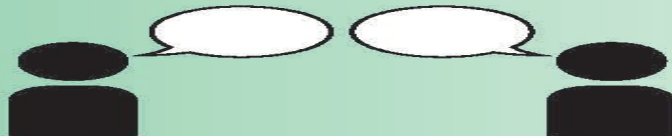
**LISTEN:** Notice speech sounds, letters, words, or ideas that seem hard.

**LOOK:** Watch for skills or tasks that seem difficult.



**WAIT:** Give time to self-correct, then provide a hint if needed.

**ENCOURAGE:** Praise and reassure as you talk about the book or activity.



**TALK:** Talk with your child's teacher about what you learned.



# Tune-up in the Community

**Help your child practice speech sounds and letters during everyday life.**



At the grocery store, say what you need in syllables and let your child guess. For example, "I need pep-pers. What do I need?"

At the laundromat, sort clothes together into colors or item type while naming them aloud. Think of other words that start with the same sound as what you are sorting.



When traveling, look for letters on signs you see. Find ones that have a letter in your name and say its sound.

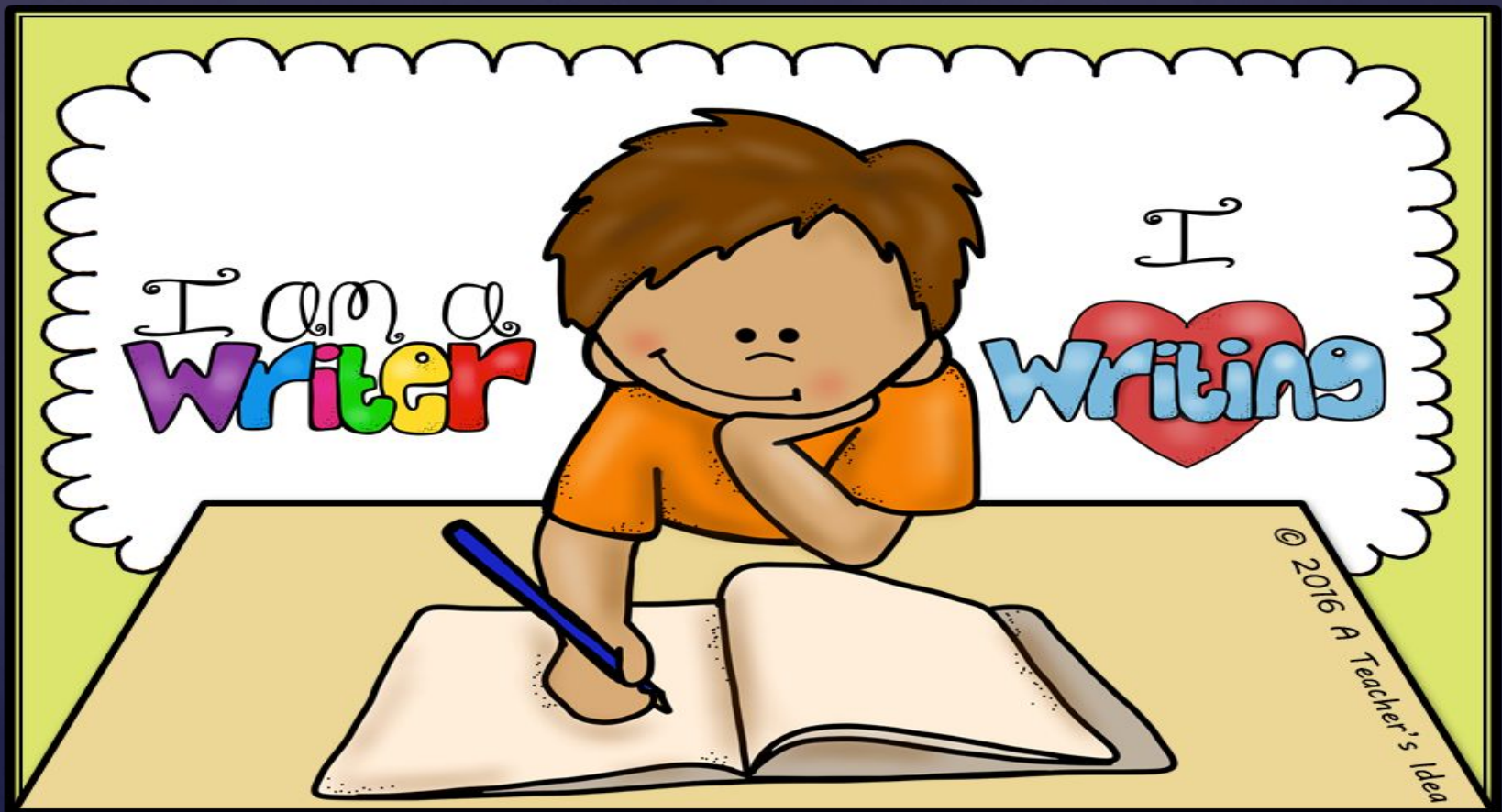


# LPA Family Resource Guide: How Parents Can Support Reading at Home





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