

# Preschoolers Ages 3 and 4



## WHAT TO DO AT HOME

Continue to talk and read with your child, as you did when they were an infant and toddler. Also, add some new and more challenging activities.

### Talk and listen

- 1. When you do something together - whatever it is - talk about it.**
- 2. Take your child to new places and introduce them to new experiences.** Talk about the new, interesting, and unusual things that you see and do.
- 3. Teach your child the meaning of new words.** Say the names of things around the house. Label and talk about things in pictures. Explain, in simple ways, how to use familiar objects and how they work.
- 4. Help your child to follow directions.** Use short, clear sentences to tell them what you want them to do.
- 5. Play with words.** Have fun with tongue twisters such as "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers" and nonsense rhymes such as "Hey Diddle, Diddle," as well as more modern nonsense rhymes.

#### PARENT TALK

"That's a whale! It's a great big animal, as big as a truck. It lives in the ocean." "This is a vacuum cleaner. We use it to clean the floor. See how it cleans up the spilled cereal?"

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"Give me your hand, please." "Please take off your mittens and put them in the basket. Then I'd like for you to bring me your jacket so I can hang it up."

### Read Together

- 1. Keep reading to your child.** Read them a lot of different kinds of books. Reread their favorite books, even if you get tired of them before they do.
- 2. Read predictable books.** Your child will begin to recognize the repeated words and phrases and have fun saying the with you.
- 3. Read poetry and other rhyming books to your child.** When reading a familiar rhyme, stop before a rhyming word and ask your child to provide the word.
- 4. Ask your child what she thinks will happen next in a story.** Get excited when they find out whether their guess was right.
- 5. Talk about books.** Ask about favorite parts. Help your child relate the story to their own life. Answer their questions.
- 6. Build a library, or book collection for your child.** Look for books at bookstores, garage sales



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