Reading together is the most important way to prepare your child for reading independently. Babies learn how books work as they turn pages. They learn that written words have meaning. Make reading time fun and interactive. Repeat a favorite book. If babies enjoy books, then they are more likely to want to learn to read later.

**BABY**
- Reading rhymes together, like Mother Goose, is important! Read a board book based on a Nursery Rhyme.
- Read a book with pictures of other baby faces in it. Point out the eyes, nose, mouth on the story, and then point to baby’s face.

**TODDLER**
- Read a book about Apple Picking, Pumpkins, Squirrels or other Fall or Harvest things.
- Find a book with sounds in it. Read CRASH! BOOM! by Robie Harris. Underline the word with your finger as you read each sound.

**PRESCHOOLERS**
- Look for the first letter of your child’s name on signs around town. Read the sign.
- Read a book about a family.

**DO**
Point to the colors below and identify colors with your child. Run your finger below the name of the color at the same time.

**SIGN!**
Our sign today is BOOK.
Place your palms together, thumbs up and fingertips pointing away from your tummy.
Keeping your small fingers touching, open up your hands, tipping your thumbs to the sides. Say: BOOK