

# LEARNING TO TALK 2

(2 1/2 TO 5 YEARS)

## 7. Encourage Reading, Writing & Math

**Children are more successful at school when they arrive with some basic skills.**

- Let your child see you reading, writing, and using numbers in their everyday world. Read labels, signs, menus and prices aloud. Talk about the words and numbers as you read them with your child.
- Play letter and number games together.
- Count out loud, compare and sort objects. When you are setting the table, count the dishes you will need. Sort the knives, forks and spoons.
- Read to your child every day. Find letters and words. Let your child “read” to you. You don’t have to read

the words on the page – tell a story from the pictures! Connect the story to your child’s life (e.g. “Remember when ...” “We saw one of those at ...”).



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