Play to Learn

Let’s Read Together

What?

Reading to your child is one way to inspire a love of books as they grow older. Make reading together a fun part of each day by encouraging your child to choose books that interest them and including story time in your daily schedule.

How?

- have your child choose a book
- look at the front cover and predict what the story will be about
- talk about the pictures (in your child's first language)
- make connections between the story and your child's real-life experiences
- use different voices and actions to bring a story to life
- practice identifying letter names and sounds
- ask questions to support your child's comprehension: What do you think will happen next? How do you think “Baby Bear” is feeling?
- ask your child's opinion about a book after it is read and share your favourite parts
- read the same book (as often as your child requests)

Why?

* develops social and emotional connection
* increases awareness of printed language
* enhances receptive (heard/read) and expressive (spoken/signed) language
* makes connections between ideas and objects

Expand:
1) Retell a story with props (create puppets, rock stories, or find items around the house)
2) Draw pictures to show the characters and events
3) Sequence pictures to show the events in order
4) Notice print in the environment (greetings cards, food packaging, street signs, maps, stores, etc.)