Parents and Families.

- Complete the activities inside this packet with your child.
- Feel free to substitute any of the activities to suit your child's needs.
- Join us for storytime! (see below)
- Read often!
- Visit the library!
- Play with words!

Five Early Literacy Activities

Talking: *Your child learns language by hearing and speaking words.*

Singing: *Singing and rhyming help your child hear different sounds in words.*

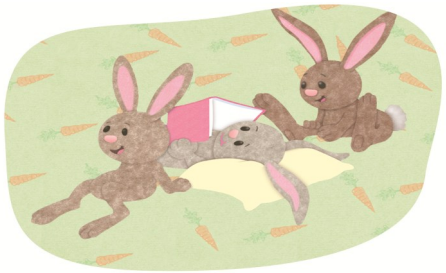
Reading: *Reading together is the single most important way to help your child get ready to read.*

Writing: *Writing begins with scribbles and helps your child understand that print has meaning.*

Playing: *Movement, toys, and props encourage your child to create "stories" from imagination.*

Storytimes at Your Library

We have storytimes and playdates scheduled at most of our branch libraries this summer. To find out the dates and times, call your branch or look at the schedule online at: **www.wcls.org** where you can also find locations and hours for all branch libraries.



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Ferndale	384-3647	**Sumas**	988-2501
Island	758-7145	**Bookmobile**	384-3150

Dream Big READ!

Little Dreamers Club

for children birth • 5 years old
June 9 • August 25, 2012

Read, play, and celebrate!

1. Complete an activity and color in the space.
2. Move forward to the next activity.
3. Have fun!!!
4. When you reach the finish, come to the library and celebrate with us!

Child's name: _____

Age: _____

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the best place to begin

Activities are color coded:
Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing, Playing

Start Here

Read a new book

Sing any song

Draw or write with a stick in the sand or dirt

Learn a new nursery rhyme

Read 2 books before bed

Take a walk and read signs

Learn a Finger play

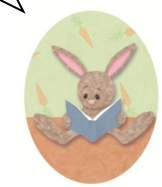
Name the colors of cars you see

Read a poem

Attend a library program or check out some new books

Read another new book

Sing the alphabet song



KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Talk about and play with rhyming words

Draw or write with sidewalk chalk

Identify shapes like triangles, circles, and squares

Dance & sing to your favorite song

Draw and write a story about a favorite animal or object.

FINISH!

Go to the library and read a book

Build a tower with blocks or boxes.

Read another new book

CONGRATULATIONS!

When you finish the game, come to the library and celebrate with:

- A finger puppet to play with at home.
- A coupon for a free book from the Friends of the Library Book Sale.
- A rhyme book to Sing and play with at home.