



## Four Important Things Parents Can Do To Support Literacy

1. Put books in your home.
  - Set up a home library.
  - Give books as gifts.
  - Visit the library.
2. Read to and with your child at least 20 minutes each day.
  - If you do this, your child will have read *one million words* and have an increased vocabulary of *1,000 words*.
3. Keep track of your child's progress in school.
  - Ask at what grade level your child is reading (above or below)
  - Take advantage of school resources/programs available to help build your child's literacy skills.
4. Be a good reading role model.
  - When your child sees you reading a variety of materials for a variety of reasons he or she will see reading as *important to daily life*.
  - When your child sees that you read for recreation, he or she will see reading as a *fun, worthwhile activity* worthy of an adult's time and attention.