

Joyful and Meaningful Literacy

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Early literacy is not flashcards. Literacy is LIFE.

- Expressing feelings
- Play
- Waiting lists
- Solving conflicts in play
- Songs
- Finger chants
- Puppets
- Dictated stories
- Reading aloud

Children learn –

Words are powerful. Words express my deepest thoughts and feelings.

Words help me set boundaries so I feel safe.

Words help create trust.

Words are fun!

Reading/ writing matters & I'm motivated to learn to read when I'm older.

Words are part of everyday life.

Fingerplay resources on the web: <https://www.songsforteaching.com/fingerplays/>

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Podcasts: Renegade Rules (early childhood)

BookSmitten (children's books)