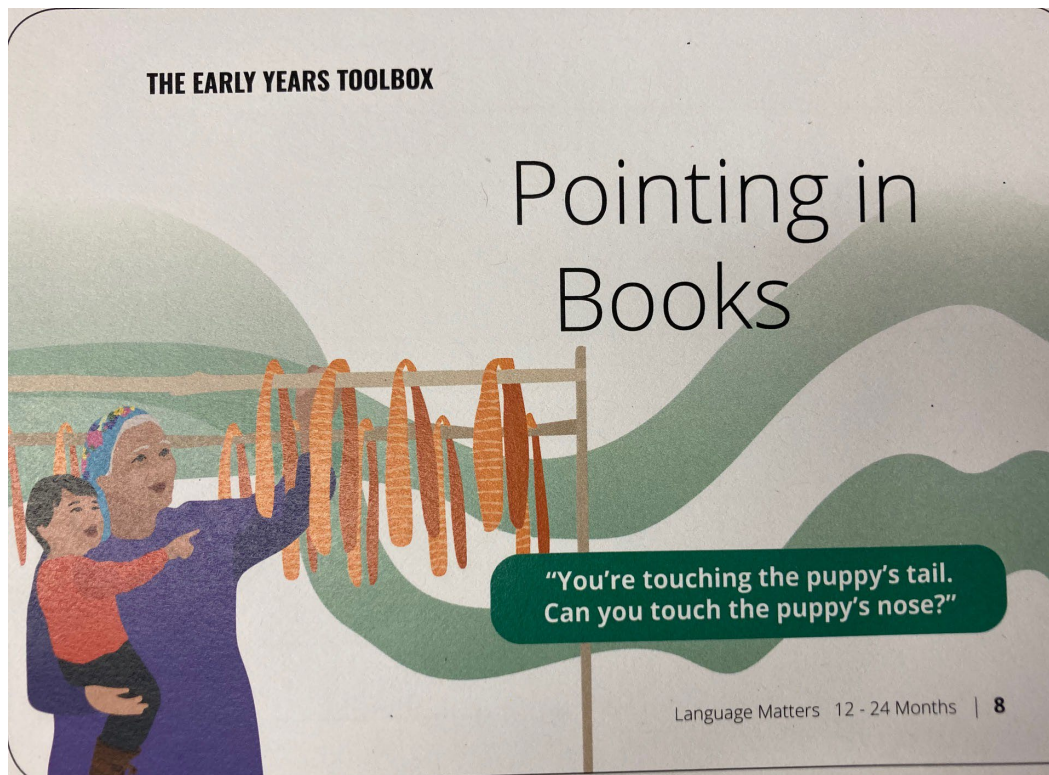


OLD CROW EARLY YEARS THE IMPORTANCE OF READING TOGETHER

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POINTING IN BOOKS

Reading with your child has so many benefits. It's a very special time for kids when grown ups are interested in the same thing as them. Books give great opportunities for children to expand their language. Books introduce children to words they might not hear every day. It can be hard to get new books in our community, but the Early Years program provides at least one book per child per month.

Take some time after you read each page and ask your little one questions like, "Can you find the birdie?" "What colour is the birdie?" If your child is too little, you can point and answer the questions. "Here's the birdie," "Look at the blue birdie," or, "See the bird? It's flying in the sky!"

By getting your little one to point and speak, they will be proud to show off their skills to you and be excited about reading together.

REMEMBER

Reading is a great activity to do with your little one. If you read 1 book a day with your child, by the time they are 5, you will have read them 1,825 books!

TAKE YOUR TIME

You can take some time to look at the pictures and see what is happening. You can ask your little ones questions about colours, characters, body parts or even count together. Your child's favourite book can be different every time you read it.

Dolly Parton Library

The Dolly Parton Library will send you a free book every month for your child, simply because we live in a remote community with little access to books. I've included the registration form today with your package. All you need to do is fill it out and drop it in the mail to start getting free books for your child!



HELPFUL HINT

There's no right or wrong time to start reading to your child. A baby begins to learn to speak before they are born. Some experts recommend reading to your tummy to help baby learn the language and recognise your voice.

Bree's 10 Favourite Kids Books

1. On the Night You were Born by Nancy Tillman
2. Sweetest Kulu by Celina Kalluck
3. I Love You Forever by Robert Munsch
4. My Heart Fills with Happiness by Melissa Gray Smith
5. We Sang You Home by Richard Van Camp
6. One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
7. Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
8. A Northern Alphabet by Ted Harrison
9. Barnyard Dance by Sandra Boynton
10. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle



If no one has told you yet today, you are doing a great job! It's not always easy being a parent, if you need to chat or get support, get in touch with me!

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