



The more experience children have with language, the more their brains will grow. Children who are talked to and read to by their families when they are young do better in school, read better, graduate more often and are more likely to be employed as adults.

PARENT TIPS FOR BOOK SHARING

- **Talk to your child. Listen to your child: Encourage your child to tell you stories and ask questions**
- **Share nursery rhymes, sing songs**
- **Share books with your child: Snuggle up and get close Ask questions Talk about the pictures and new words**
- **Share the book repeatedly Let your child take the lead**

Remember It Is Okay...

- **To read only part of the book**
- **If you don't read well**
- **If you have an accent or don't speak English, you can read in your home language**
- **If your child wants to hold the book and read it to you**
- **If you only talk about the pictures**



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are excited to let you know that the Boys and Girls Club of Goldsboro will be taking part in the Raising A Reader (RAR) program. Your kindergarten, first or second grade child will have chance to strengthen reading skills by sharing books that will be sent home each week.

Since 1999, RAR, a national nonprofit organization, has helped families build literacy routines in their homes. RAR's mission is to involve parents and caregivers in a routine of book sharing with their children to foster healthy brain development, parent-child bonding, a love of reading, and the literacy skills critical for school success.

After you attend an orientation training with a Raising a Reader staff member and sign the required forms, your child will be able to take home a red RAR bag filled with three age appropriate, high-quality, picture books. The red book bags will be rotated every week during story time provided by RAR staff from Wayne County Public Library. You will have the chance to attend training to learn ideas to share books with your child/children. You will also be connected with the local public library. At the end of the program, children will receive a blue library book bag to keep so that they can continue the practice of borrowing books and build a lifelong habit of reading.

You want your child to be well prepared for success in school. You know that learning to read is one of the most important skills that your child will need to succeed. What you may not know is how important, but easy, your role is. You don't need fancy toys or expensive computer games. Your mind, your voice, your ideas, your time, and your love are what your children need to reach their potential. Check out the sidebar on the left for some tips about how you can begin the experience of sharing books with your child.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Sherry Granberry at the Wayne County Public Library in Goldsboro at 919-735-1824 extension 5243.

Want More Information About Raising A Reader? Visit the website: www.raisingareader.org