Read—Talk—Sing—Play—Write—Early Literacy Every Day!

Read

Hippospotamus, by Jeanne Willis *Hattie and the Fox,* by Mem Fox *A House for Hermit Crab,* by Eric Carle *The Hat,* by Jan Brett *Home Is a Window,* by Stephanie Parsley Ledyard *Guess Who Haiku,* by Deanna Caswell Listen to the Oregon Symphony musically read *Harlem's Little Blackbird*, by Renee Watson:



Talk

When you read a book to your child, run your finger under the printed words. This will help her know that it is the text you are reading, not the pictures. Did you know that without our guidance, four-year-old children will give 95 percent of their visual attention to the pictures?

Sing

Hand Washing Song

(Tune: Frere Jacques)

Tops and bottoms, tops and bottoms,

(Rub hands one on top of the other.)

In between, in between,

(Thread fingers together and rub them.)

Rub them all together, scrub them all together,

(Scrub palms together.)

Now they're clean, squeaky clean.

(Wave hands to show off how clean they are.)



The Hippopotamus Bounce

(Bounce to the beat.)

A hip, a hip, a hippopotamus

Got on, got on, the city bus

And all, and all, and all the people said,

You're squishing us!

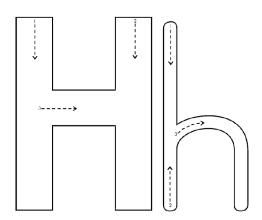
(Hands on your cheeks or hug baby.)





Play

H is the letter of the day! Look for it everywhere you go today. Use a crayon or your finger to trace the letters.



Hippopotamus begins with H. Color the Hippopotamus.

