



RUSH EARLY LEARNING COALITION

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# First5

**90% OF BRAIN  
DEVELOPMENT  
HAPPENS BY AGE 5**  
HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO  
TO HELP YOUR CHILD:

## What is Early Learning?

Early learning is educational programming outside the home for children between birth and 5 years old. It is a high-quality daycare experience. It's not just babysitting. It's an interactive experience for the child which includes stimulating activities such as reading, singing, talking and playing.

# TALK

HEY  
THERE!

Talk to your child and describe what you see.  
Encourage them to ask questions.

## Let's TALK! - Ignite Conversation with Your Child!

What is your  
favorite  
food?

Would you  
rather draw an  
animal or a  
house? Why?

What is your  
favorite animal?



Did you know the more words a child hears correlates to how prepared they are when they enter school?

Kids who have heard more words tend to start school with larger vocabularies, become stronger readers, and score higher on tests.

It's not only about talking to your child, but ***talking with*** your child.

We encourage you to use the prompts as a way to ignite conversation with your child.  
Have fun!

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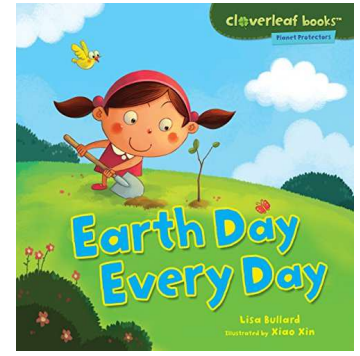


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Gather up a few favorite Earth Day books to read together. This is a fun way to encourage reading and to learn how our lifestyle choices impact the Earth. If you don't have any books on hand or don't have the budget to purchase Earth Day books, visit the library!



## Sing a Song:

### twinkle twinkle Little Star

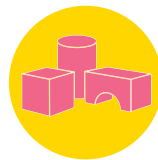


Twinkle, twinkle, Little Star,  
How I wonder what you are.,  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.  
Twinkle, twinkle, Little Star,  
How I wonder what you are!

## be a role model



Pick up trash in your neighborhood for Earth Day or when spring cleaning, find items you can recycle or reuse!



## Spring Scavenger hunt

Go on a scavenger hunt and see if you can find:

- ☐ a smooth rock
- ☐ a flower
- ☐ a pinecone
- ☐ an animal



ask  
your  
Little...



What does the weather feel like outside?

If you could be any animal, what would you pick and why?

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Earth Day is  
Monday, April 22, 2024