

READ TO ME!

What can *you* do at home to help your preschooler get ready to read?

First of all: *Talk to her!* While you're driving, shopping, cooking or eating, talk with your child and listen when she talks with you.

When you talk with children, you help them learn new words. And the more words children know now, the better off they will be later when they're learning to read.

Second: *Read to him!* Read the words on his cereal box, read the pizza ads that come in the mail, read the dvd box and the tv guide. Read the signs on the highway and the menus for dinner-to-go. *Let your child see you read* recipes, the mail, and books.

Third: *Go to your public library.* You and your child can listen to stories there and sometimes see puppet shows or videos and children's art. With just a photo i.d., you can get a library card. Then you can check out videos and tapes and books for yourself and your kids!

Albuquerque's children's libraries have books in Spanish, as well as in English, for babies and toddlers, for big and little children. You'll find books about trucks and trains, dinosaurs and puppies—*everything* that's interesting to children.

Books and tapes, story times and videos. It's all **FREE** at your public library.

WOW!