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Reading and Writing

When your child draws this summer, ask him to tell you about the picture. Write his words on the art work. Taking dictation helps children understand that spoken words can be written down and read.

Talk, Talk, Talk

Talking and listening to someone speak helps a child develop language. Talk to your child about the things you do together and things he does with his friends. Explain your thoughts aloud as you are trying to make a decision. Discuss new family experiences before you go, while you're there, and after you're home. Have your child retell a story that you have read to him. Ask him to recount the day's events to a parent coming home from work. Talk. talk. talk!

I can hardly believe...

the year is almost over! It has been a delight to have your child with us for their very first Greenville County school experience. Watching them as they have grown and learned has been amazing. I'll miss your children that I have loved and cared for this year! However, Riley can send them on to "big school" knowing that they are ready to tackle 5K and challenges it brings!

You'll find information about reading to your child this summer in this newsletter. Reading aloud to your child is the best thing you can do as a parent to help them be successful in school. So, don't forget that even over summer vacation, RILEY READS!

Thank you for sharing your most precious possession, your child, with our Riley staff! It has been a wonderful year!

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The single most important thing you can do at home to help your child do well in school is READ! Make reading a part of your bedtime routine. Keep books in the car so that you can read when you are waiting on appointments. Let your child see you reading for your own pleasure. Children realize that adults invest time in the things that are most important to them. Invest in your child by spending time with books! Remember...
Riley Reads!

What Do You Think?

When you read aloud to your child, ask a few thoughtful questions. What does this book make you think about? What else do you want to learn? Why do you think the character did that? Using questions that begin with "why", "how", "what if", or "what do you think" require a child to do more than just recall information. Children have to think about what they have read or heard to come up with an answer. Open-ended questions like these will help your child begin to comprehend what has been read. Reading comprehension is vital to success in school!

Poetry

Poems are fun for children because the words rhyme and they are fun to repeat. Listening to poetry helps children understand the sounds that letters make. Read the same poems to your child over and over again. Soon, you'll hear the familiar phrases fall trippingly from their tongues. Poems allow children to hear words that they might never hear in ordinary conversation. Children are word collectors. They enjoy grabbing hold of interesting new words and making them their own. Read some poems and add some new words to that ever growing collection!