



Skip-a-Long

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

A program of SAL Family and Community Services

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Early Literacy

"There is no substitute for books in a child's life."

-Mary Ellen Chase



The Soho Center states "More than any other single skill, the ability to read-and-read well—allows a child to succeed in school, learn about the world, function in society and someday have decent job options."

Early literacy is learning sounds, words, and language. You can support early literacy development by communicating with children, reading, and playing with rhyme. Children develop and learn best through everyday, fun activities like singing, talking, and games.

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Letter from the Director

Dear Families,

The new year is traditionally time for resolutions. As you think about yours, let us reflect on what 2020 has taught us. Constant change is all around us, and we cannot discount the fact 2021 will be one of change as well. In order to thrive and grow, we must become better at change and changing. In order to embrace change, we must embrace a growth mindset. When we are able to let go and grow, we see how far we are able to go.

This is typical in our children and their everyday life, they are ever growing, changing, and adapting. If something does not work one way, they try another. If a friend moves on they make another, if they need a red marker and there is not one they use pink. If they are tired, they nap, if they are sad, they ask for a hug. Kids have the ability to start over and adapt everyday. This is a gift and lesson for adults to take notice of.

- Mary Rosa Gastaldo

Upcoming Events

January 1st—New Year's Day

January 4th—National Spaghetti Day

January 8th—Bubble Bath Day

January 9th—National Popcorn Day

January 21st—National Hugging Day