

Literacy Resource Guide for Preschool Children



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1. INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Educators,

Thank you for your commitment to early childhood literacy, emergent leaders, and life-long learning.

The US Department of Justice (2022) reported that the link between academic failure and delinquency, violence, and crime is linked to reading failure; seventy percent (70%) of all incarcerated adults read below a fourth-grade level. **Parental incarceration directly correlates with lower cognitive skills and academic performance for the children. Children of incarcerated adults have such as grade repetition, higher truancy, and increased suspensions,** according to the Journal of School Psychology (2023).

The New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC) is proud and honored by our **partnership with Scholastic**, whose Education Solutions has eight (8) programs for improving early childhood literacy: PreK on My Way, Cozy Corner, Early Learning Libraries, Scholastic Edge for PreK, Digital, Professional Learning, Family Community Engagement, and Early Childhood E-Catalog.

The National Institute for Early Education Research (2023) found that early literacy (reading) and numeracy (math) skills are crucial for children's academic success. Developing these skills at a young age can enhance brain development, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities, reducing children's chances of dropping out of school.

Early literacy and numeracy skills also help prevent disciplinary issues throughout a child's life. In the report *Early Warning* (2010), the Annie E. Casey Foundation found that **"The process of dropping out begins long before high school,"** and the report emphasizes the importance of developing strong reading and math skills early in a child's life.

This resource guide provides parents and educators with free resources to support their preschool-aged children's literacy and numeracy development.

Best, fondly,



2. LITERACY/READING RESOURCES

Online Reading Programs

Starfall: Interactive/Hands-on website with activities for reading and sounding out words.

[Starfall.com](<https://www.starfall.com>)

ABCmouse: Early learning program covering reading, math, and more.

[ABCMouse.com](<https://www.abcmouse.com>)

International Children's Digital Library (ICDL): A library of free children's books from around the world.

[ICDLbooks.org](<http://www.childrenslibrary.org>)

Oxford Owl: Free electronic book library and educational resources.

[OxfordOwl.co.uk](<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>)

Unite for Literacy: Online library with narrated picture books.

[UniteforLiteracy.com](https://www.uniteforliteracy.com)

Scholastic Learn at Home: Daily learning activities with books and videos.

[Scholastic.com/learnathome](https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/learn-at-home.html)

StoryWeaver: Website with children's stories in many languages.

[StoryWeaver.org.in](https://storyweaver.org.in/en)

Library of Congress: A collection of classic children's books available for free online.

[Read.gov](https://read.gov)

Barbara Bush Readlife Bookshelf: A free online collection of books with guided activities for adults, families, and educators.

[barbarabush.org/readlife-bookshelf/](https://www.barbarabush.org/readlife-books-help)

STORYTIME

BARNES & NOBLE



Storytime Websites

Storyline Online: Videos of actors reading children's books aloud.

[StorylineOnline.net](https://www.storylineonline.net)

Barnes & Noble Storytime: Weekly storytime videos featuring popular children's books.

[Barnes & Noble Storytime](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/storytime)

PBS Kids Read-Alongs: Videos of PBS Kids characters reading books.

[pbs.org/parents/read-along](https://www.pbs.org/parents/read-along)

Brightly Storytime: YouTube channel with storytime videos.

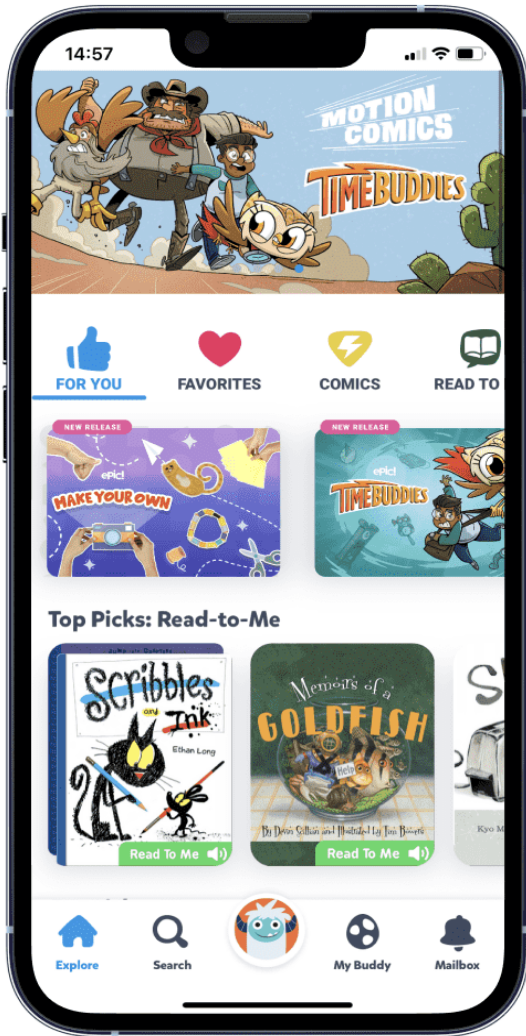
[youtube.com/brightlystorytime](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvQagFNHMrGgQpYunk4rHXg)

TumbleBook Library: Online collection of animated, talking picture books.

[TumbleBookLibrary.com](https://tumblebooklibrary.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f)

Free Children's Stories: Free picture books for kids.

[freechildrenstories.com](https://www.freechildrenstories.com/age-3-5)



Epic: Kids' Books & Reading

a Fun Ebook App For Young Readers



Interactive/Hands-on Reading Apps

Epic!: Online library with thousands of books for kids.

[GetEpic.com](<https://www.getepic.com>)

Homer: Personalized learning app focused on reading.

[LearnWithHomer.com](<https://learnwithhomer.com>)

BrainPop: Cartoon educational videos for kids on all topics.

[BrainPop.com](<https://www.brainpop.com>)

Endless Reader: App that helps kids learn sight words.

(<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/endless-reader/id722910739>)

(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.originatorkids.EndlessReader&hl=en_US)

Reading Eggs: Interactive/hands-on reading program with games and activities.

[ReadingEggs.com](https://readingeggs.com)

Book Creator: Allows kids to read and create their own online books.

[BookCreator.com](https://bookcreator.com)

Dr. Seuss's ABC: Interactive/hands-on app based on the classic Dr. Seuss book.

(https://apps.apple.com/us/app/dr-seuss-abc-read-learn/id1011479119)

(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.oceanhouse_media.bookabcs_app&hl=en_US)

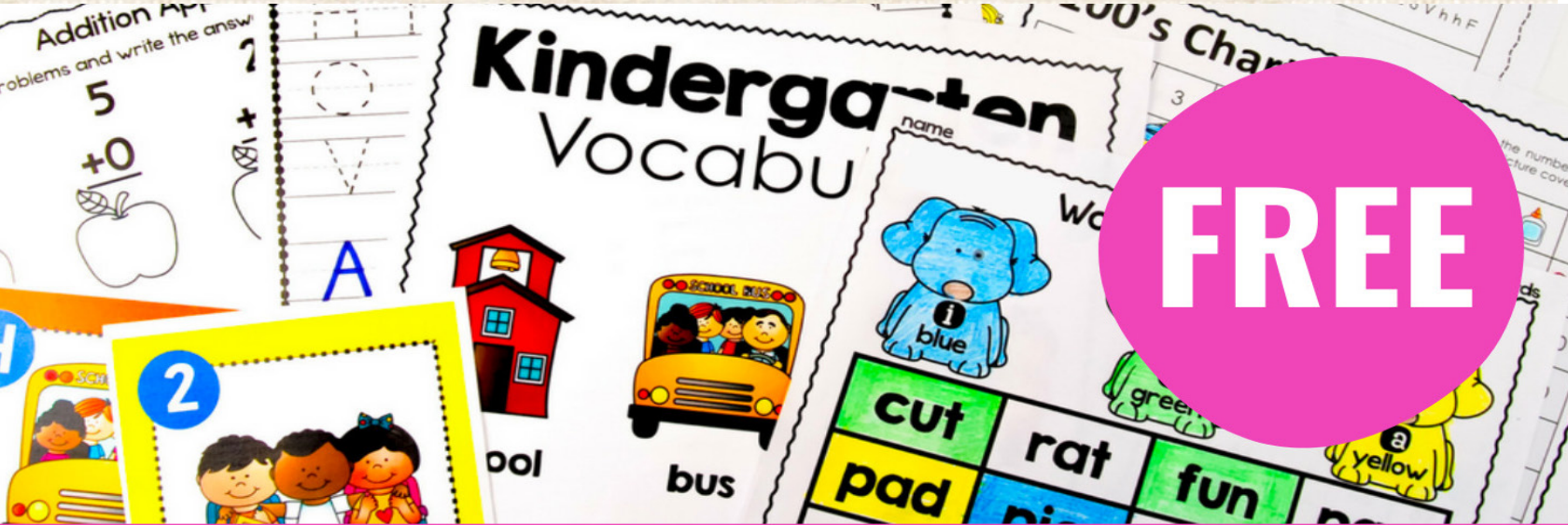
Vooks: Cartoon storybook platform for kids.

[Vooks.com](https://www.vooks.com)

Teach Your Monster to Read: Fun-filled literacy/reading game for kids.

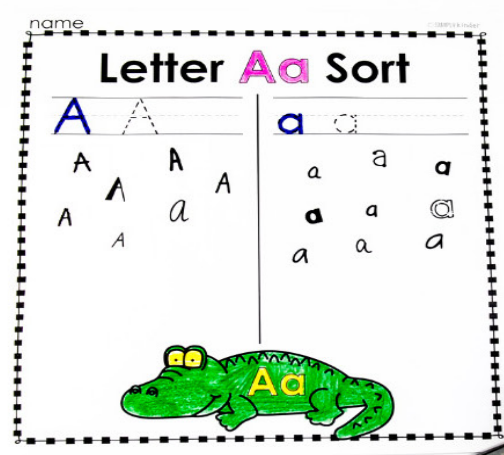
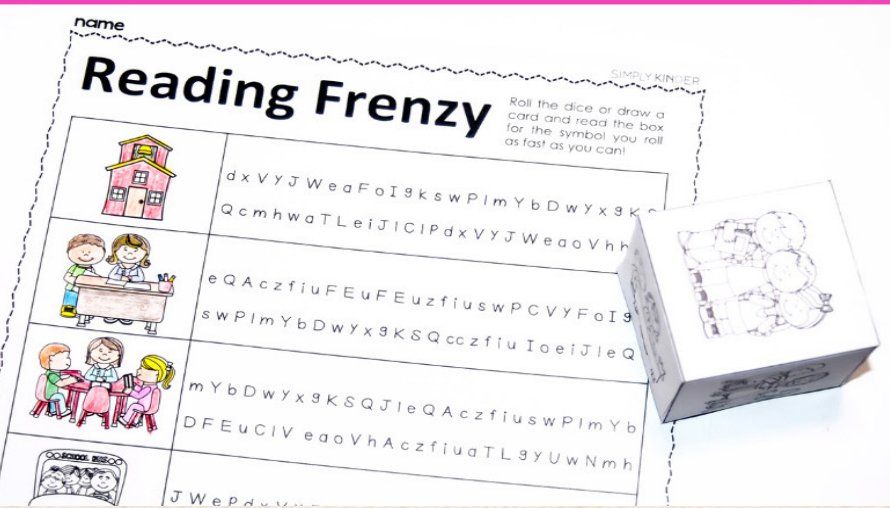
[TeachYourMonsterToRead.org](https://www.teachyourmonster.org)





FREE

KINDERGARTEN PRINTABLES



Printable Worksheets and Activities

Education.com: Free printable worksheets and activities for various literacy/reading skills.
 [Education.com] (<https://www.education.com>)

Teachers Pay Teachers: Free resources created by teachers.
 [TeachersPayTeachers.com](<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com>)

Twinkl: Free printable worksheets and resources for preschoolers.
 [Twinkl.com](<https://www.twinkl.com>)

Super Teacher Worksheets: Free printable worksheets for a variety of subjects.

[SuperTeacherWorksheets.com](https://www.superteacherworksheets.com)

K5 Learning: Free printable worksheets for Kindergarten to grade 5.

[K5Learning.com](https://www.k5learning.com)

Fun Learning for Kids: Free printable reading and math activities.

[FunLearningForKids.com](https://funlearningforkids.com)

Helpful Groups

Reach Out and Read: Partners with pediatricians to give out free books to families.

[ReachOutandRead.org](https://reachoutandread.org/)



Library Services

Local Libraries: Many libraries offer free storytime sessions, reading programs, and access to digital/online resources. Check your local library's website for more information.



3. NUMERACY RESOURCES

Online Math Programs

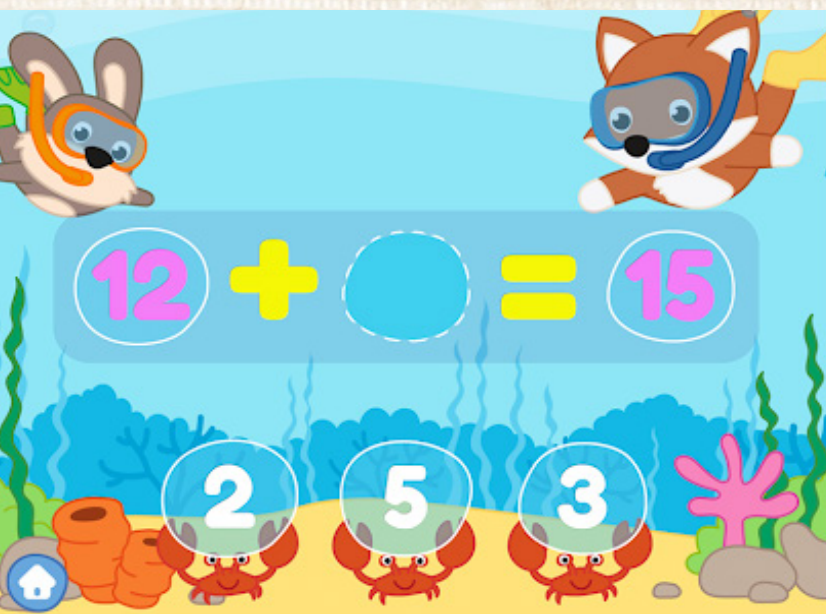
Khan Academy Kids: Free app offering math lessons and activities for
[KhanAcademy.org/Kids](https://www.khanacademy.org/kids)

Coolmath4Kids: Interactive/Hands-on math games and activities.
[Coolmath4Kids.com](https://www.coolmath4kids.com)

Prodigy Math Game: Free math game that changes with your child's skill level.
[ProdigyGame.com](https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en)

Mathseeds: Online math program for early learners.
[Mathseeds.com](https://mathseeds.com)

PBS Kids Math: Educational math games and activities for preschoolers.
[PBSKids.org](https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/mathematics/k-8-mathematics)



Educational Math Games

PBS Kids Math Games: Fun math games featuring popular PBS characters.

[PBSKids.org](https://pbskids.org/games/math)

Math Playground: Interactive/Hands-on math games and puzzles.

[MathPlayground.com](https://www.mathplayground.com)

ABCya!: Educational games for kids in different subjects, including math.

[ABCya.com](https://www.abcya.com)

SplashLearn: Fun math games and activities.

[SplashLearn.com](https://www.splashlearn.com)

DragonBox: Award-winning math games that teach important concepts/ideas.

[DragonBox.com](https://dragonbox.com)

Sumdog: Interactive/Hands-on math games based on school learning plans.

[Sumdog.com](https://learn.sumdog.com/en-us)

Interactive/Hands-on Apps for Math

Moose Math by Duck Duck Moose: Fun math app for preschoolers.

[DuckDuckMoose.com](https://www.duckduckmoose.com)

(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.duckduckmoosedesign.km&hl=en_US)

(https://apps.apple.com/us/app/moose-math-duck-duck-moose/id660345152)

The Best Math Apps to Make Learning Easier and More Approachable



Interactive/Hands-on Numeracy Apps

Moose Math by Duck Duck Moose: Fun math app for preschoolers.

[DuckDuckMoose.com](<https://www.duckduckmoose.com>)

(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.duckduckmoosedesign.km&hl=en_US)

(<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/moose-math-duck-duck-moose/id660345152>)

Todo Math: Math app with many different activities.

[TodoMath.com](<https://www.todomath.com>)

(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.enumath.todomath&hl=en_US)

(<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/todo-math/id666465255>)

Monkey Math School Sunshine: Fun math activities for young learners.

(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.earlystart.monkeymath&hl=en_US)

(<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/monkey-math-school-sunshine/id451287325>)

Endless Numbers: Interactive/Hands-on app that helps children learn numbers and counting.

(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.originatorkids.EndlessNumbers&hl=en_US)

(<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/endless-numbers/id804360921>)

Park Math by Duck Duck Moose: Math app that teaches counting, addition, and subtraction.

[DuckDuckMoose.com](<https://www.duckduckmoose.com>)

(<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/park-math-hd-duck-duck-moose/id403939208>)

Math Kids - Add, Subtract, Count, and Learn: Basic math skills for preschoolers.

(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rvappstudios.math.kids.counting&hl=en_US)

(<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/math-kids-add-subtract-count/id1272098657>)

Khan Academy Kids: App for early math skills.

[KhanAcademy.org/Kids](<https://learn.khanacademy.org/khan-academy-kids>)

(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.khankids.android&hl=en_US)

(<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/khan-academy-kids/id1378467217>)

Subtraction for Kids Math Game



Count and subtract the fruits. Write the correct number in the box.



$$10 - 2 = \square$$



$$7 - 3 = \square$$

Printable Math Worksheets and Activities

Math-Aids.com: Math worksheets that can be customized and printed.

[Math-Aids.com](<https://www.math-aids.com>)

Twinkl: Free printable math resources for preschoolers.

[Twinkl.com](<https://www.twinkl.com>)

Super Teacher Worksheets: Free printable worksheets for many subjects.

[SuperTeacherWorksheets.com](<https://www.superteacherworksheets.com>)

K5 Learning: Free printable worksheets for kindergarten to grade 5.

[K5Learning.com](<https://www.k5learning.com>)

Education.com: Free printable worksheets and activities for different math skills.

[Education.com](<https://www.education.com>)

Worksheetfun: Free printable math worksheets.

[Worksheetfun.com](<https://www.worksheetfun.com>)

Teachers Pay Teachers: Free worksheets created by teachers..

[TeachersPayTeachers.com](<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com>)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Community Resources

Children’s Museums: Many children’s museums offer free or discounted tickets on days with educational exhibits. Check local museum websites for details.

Local Community Centers: Check for free math-focused activities and events at your local community center.

Library Programs: Local libraries often offer free educational programs and resources. Check your local library’s website for information.

Family Math Nights: Schools and community groups may host family math nights with interactive/hands-on activities. Check with local schools and community centers.

Parent-Teacher Associations: PTAs often organize educational events and resources. Contact your local PTA for information on free resources.

YMCA Programs: Some YMCA branches offer educational programs for young children.
(<https://www.ymca.org>)

Local Parks and Recreation Departments: Many parks and recreation departments offer educational programs and activities for kids. Check your local parks and rec website.

THE POWER OF MULTISENSORY LEARNING



4. MULTISENSORY LEARNING

Importance of Multisensory Learning

Multisensory learning involves multiple senses at once, improving children's memories and understanding.

Resources for Multisensory Learning

Hands-On As We Grow: Activities that use touch, sight, and movement.

[HandsOnAsWeGrow.com](<https://handsonaswegrow.com>)

The Imagination Tree: Creative and sensory play ideas.

[TheImaginationTree.com](<https://theimaginationtree.com>)

Busy Toddler: Activities for early learners that use multiple senses.

[BusyToddler.com](https://busytoddler.com)

Messy Little Monster: Art and sensory activities for young children.

[MessyLittleMonster.com](https://www.messylittlemonster.com)

Learning4Kids: Play-based learning ideas and sensory activities.

[Learning4Kids.net](https://www.learning4kids.net)

Childhood101: Multisensory learning activities and play ideas.

[Childhood101.com](https://childhood101.com)

Little Bins for Little Hands: Science and sensory activities for kids.

[LittleBinsForLittleHands.com](https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com)





5. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Parenting Tips and Guides

Zero to Three: Parenting resources and tips for early childhood growth.

[ZeroToThree.org](<https://www.zerotothree.org>)

Parenting.com: Articles and resources on parenting young children.

[Parenting.com](<https://www.parenting.com>)

KidsHealth: Advice on child health and growth.

[KidsHealth.org](<https://kidshealth.org>)

Parenting Science: Parenting advice based on science.

[ParentingScience.com](<https://parentingscience.com>)

Common Sense Media: Guides for media and technology use with young children.

[CommonSenseMedia.org](<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>)

Positive Parenting Solutions: Resources and tips for positive parenting.

[PositiveParentingSolutions.com](<https://www.positiveparentingsolutions.com>)

Parenting for Brain: Advice on child growth and parenting based on science.

[ParentingForBrain.com](<https://www.parentingforbrain.com>)

SUPPORTING ELL STUDENTS

Support for English Language Learners (ELLs)

Colorín Colorado: Bilingual literacy resources for those speaking more than one language.

[ColorinColorado.org](<https://www.colorincolorado.org>)

Unite for Literacy: Free online picture books with narration in multiple languages.

[UniteforLiteracy.com](<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com>)

PBS LearningMedia: Resources for teaching English language learners.

[PBSLearningMedia.org]

Reading Rockets: Tips for helping ELL students learn to read.

[ReadingRockets.org](<https://www.readingrockets.org>)

ELLLO (English Listening Lesson Library Online): Listening activities for English learners.

[ELLLO.org](<https://elllo.org>)

ESL Games Plus: Free interactive/hands-on games for English learners.

[ESLGamesPlus.com](https://www.eslgamesplus.com)

Duolingo ABC: App focused on English learning for young children.

[ABC.duolingo.com](https://abc.duolingo.com)

(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.duolingo.literacy&hl=en_US)

(https://apps.apple.com/us/app/learn-to-read-duolingo-abc/id1440502568)

Special Needs Resources



Special Needs Resources

Understood.org: Resources for parents of children with learning and attention issues.

[Understood.org](https://www.understood.org)

Reading Rockets: Strategies and resources for helping children with reading difficulties.

[ReadingRockets.org](https://www.readingrockets.org)

The Mighty: Community and resources for parents of children with special needs.

[TheMighty.com](https://themighty.com)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC): Resources for early childhood education for children with disabilities.

[NAEYC.org](https://www.naeyc.org)

LD OnLine: Information on learning disabilities and ADHD.

[LDOonline.org](https://www.ldonline.org)

Autism Speaks: Resources for parents of children with autism.

[AutismSpeaks.org](https://www.autismspeaks.org)

WrightsLaw: Information on special education laws and efforts to create awareness.

[WrightsLaw.com](https://www.wrightslaw.com)



WELLNESS *Resources*

Health and Wellness Resources

HealthyChildren.org: Health and safety tips for young children.

[HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org)

GoNoodle: Free movement and mindfulness videos for kids.

[GoNoodle.com](https://www.gonoodle.com)

Choose My Plate: Nutrition education resources for parents and kids.

[ChooseMyPlate.gov](https://www.myplate.gov)

Sesame Street in Communities: Health and wellness resources for families.

[SesameStreetInCommunities.org](https://sesameworkshop.org/resources)

Health Powered Kids: Health activities and video lessons for children.

[HealthPoweredKids.org](https://healthpoweredkids.org)

6. CONCLUSION

Summary of Key Points

This guide provides a list of free resources for parents to support their preschool-aged children's literacy (reading) and numeracy (math) growth. Using these resources can help

Encouragement and Next Steps

Parents are encouraged to explore these resources and combine them into their daily routines. Repeated use of these materials can strongly improve children's early development.

7. MORE INFORMATION

Additional Reading Lists

Carefully picked lists of age-appropriate books for various themes and interests.

PreK Book List & Curriculum Guides

Jersey City Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

(<https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/6235>)

Additional Math Activities

The Measured Mom: Hands-on math activities and games.

[TheMeasuredMom.com](<https://www.themeasuredmom.com>)

Math Geek Mama: Creative math activities for young children.

[MathGeekMama.com](<https://mathgeekmama.com>)

PreKinders: Free math printables and activities.

[PreKinders.com](<https://www.prekinders.com>)

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LOCAL LIBRARIES



AND COMMUNITY CENTERS

Jersey City Free Public Library

Priscilla Gardner Main Library & Departments @ 472 Jersey Ave

Phone: (201) 547-4526

Open 9 AM to 8 PM

Five Corners Branch @ 678 Newark Ave:

Phone: (201) 547-4543

Open 10 AM to 6 PM

Heights Branch @ 14 Zabriskie St:

Phone: (201) 547-4556

Open 12 PM to 8 PM

Marion Branch @ 1017 West Side Ave:



Phone: (201) 547-4552

Open 9 AM to 5 PM

Pavonia Branch @ 326 8th St:

Phone: (201) 547-4808

Open 10 AM to 6 PM

West Bergen Branch @ 546 West Side Ave:

Phone: (201) 547-4554

Open 9 AM to 5 PM

Miller Branch @ 489 Bergen:

Phone: (201) 547-4551

Open 10 AM to 6 PM

Glenn D. Cunningham Branch @ 275 M.L.K. Drive

Phone: (201) 547-4555

10 AM to 6 PM

Earl A. Morgan Branch @ 1841 Kennedy Blvd

Phone: (201) 547-4553

10 AM to 6 PM

Lafayette Branch @ 307 Pacific Ave:

Phone: (201) 547-5017

Temporarily Closed for Renovations (As of 8/1/24)

Communipaw Branch @ 295 Johnston Ave:

Phone: (201) 547-4526

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