

## The Home is Where it Starts! Family Matters:

- ✓ Reading at home provides children with a positive idea around literacy.
- ✓ A good example set for children in the home leads to a positive learning environment resulting in expanded literacy skills.

### Welcome Education into Your Home

#### Begin with 15 minutes of reading as a family:

- Allow children to witness adults as role models within the household.
- While reading, draw attention to the sounds of words, the colourful pictures, and catchy rhymes or phrases.
- Discuss opinions and connections within the books, and the genres of stories being read.

### Try these Fun Literacy Activities at Home

- Take pictures of your child involved in daily activities. Put these into a homemade book. Let your child dictate the words that tell what he/she is doing and write them underneath.
- Make a flannel board. Cut out some simple characters from magazines. Place sandpaper on the back of paper figures or use flannel. Keep it simple but give your child time to retell a favourite story or make up an original tale to fit the flannel objects.
- Make a poetry book of favourite poems that can be illustrated with original drawings by your child.
- Read recipes and cook together.

**For more information contact: Christina Manchester, Early Literacy Practitioner at**  
[ssmels@childcarealgoma.ca](mailto:ssmels@childcarealgoma.ca), (705)9458898 Ext. 267