



## 15 Minutes of Family Fun *Storytelling*

Gain useful literacy skills doing everyday activities at home!

Here are some quick, easy to do family story activities that support children's development:

- **Read together.** This is a proven way to increase children's literacy. And, it doesn't have to stop when your child has learned to read.
- **Invite your child to tell you the story of a favourite book.** Accept what the child is able to re-tell without expecting it to be correct.
- **Remember when...?** Tell family stories together. Everyone will have different memories to add to a shared story.
- **Photo stories.** Take photos of your child during an important event in their life. Have your child put the pictures in sequence and then make a book that tells the story of the event.
- **Watch a story together.** While screen time should be limited for children, watching a show together provides the opportunity to talk about the story and enrich the experience.

In these 15 minutes of family fun, your child:

- Learns new words
- Practices listening skills
- Learns to communicate with words
- Uses memory and sequencing
- Uses imagination and creativity
- Learns that reading is an enjoyable and valuable activity