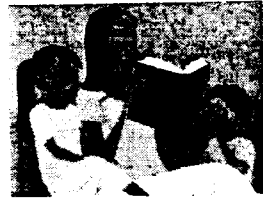


## Tips For Busy Parents



1. Put books in a place your child will be.
2. Carry a book bag along to places you go.
3. Put books beside the bathtub.
4. Keep books and magazines in your child's room.
5. Have your child help with the grocery list.
6. Let your child read recipes.
7. Read road signs.
8. Get recordings of books to enjoy together.
9. Buy a birthday book each year for your child.
10. Make a rainy day book.
11. Read during vacations.
12. Help your child email a friend or relative.
13. Do crossword puzzles with your child.
14. Let your child read menus when you go out for lunch or dinner.
15. Play games like Boggle, Scrabble Jr., Spill and Spell.
16. Make up stories to tell while you are in the car.
17. Let your child write important dates on his/her own calendar.
18. Write your child surprise notes.
19. Read the comics with your child.
20. Dictate your list of things to do. Let your child be the secretary.

## Skills to use with Game Mats:

### Letter Cards:

- \*Identify letter name
- \*Identify letter sound
- \*Say a word that starts with that letter
- \*Put out three letters. Say a word and have your child show you which of the three letters it starts with.
- \*Name 2-3 words that begin with the same sound

### Picture Cards:

- \*Use with number 18 on the handout.
- \*Identify beginning sound
- \*Identify ending sound
- \*Identify middle sound
- \*Name another word that begins with that sound
- \*Name 2-3 words that begin with the same sound

### Nonsense Word Cards:

- \*Say each sound on the card