



# PFEC Family Educator News

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## Am I really My Child's First Teacher? By Nicole Taylor

You might be thinking, "I'm a parent, not a teacher." The great news is, whether you've had training or not, you are your child's first teacher. Many simple, everyday routines are excellent opportunities for developing your child's emergent literacy skills. Emergent literacy refers to the point in children's development before they are able to read on their own or write words that others can read. So what can you do? Below are three quick, yet impactful suggestions for quality literacy experiences. These ideas will help you promote literacy in a way that makes sense for you and your family

**1. TELL STORIES.** You can develop your child's oral language through storytelling. Use your imagination, and adjust your stories to fit your family's traditions and culture.

**2. LOOK AROUND.** Use everyday routines and surroundings to promote a print rich environment, which is an environment that allows children to see print and words in authentic ways. This will help your children to learn letters, words, and the purpose and meaning of printed language.

**3. MAKE BOOKS AVAILABLE.** Allow your child to physically explore books by making them easily accessible. \* If you would like the full article from NAEYC, please let us know.

## Remind Sign-Up

If you have not signed up for our Remind classrooms follow the link for your child's teacher.

Remind Class for Kari Harkleroad, Family Community Educator for Mrs. LaMothe, Mrs. Fandel, Mrs. Majors, Mrs. Janssen, and Mrs. Grimm

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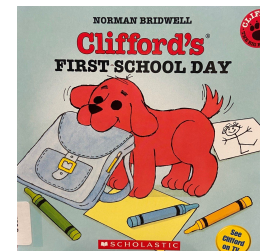
Remind Classroom for Amy Lohrenz Family Community Educator for Ms. Berntson, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Marsden, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Zimmerman.

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## Family Hour Story Time

Check out this week's story read by Mrs. Kari on our PFEC page:

<https://www.pekin.net/Page/1999>



\*If you enjoyed this book, use our google form to check out books from our school library

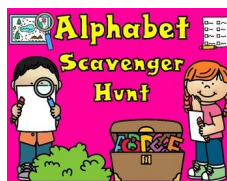
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## Parent-Child Activity:

### "Go on a Letter Hunt"

Choose a letter and find as many of that letter as you can. Try copying the letters you find on paper.



## Parent Resources

Heart of Illinois **2-1-1** is a confidential helpline that can be reached by dialing 211 from a landline or cell phone.. Connect to services including: food, shelter, utility resources, job training and childcare. Download the 211 app on your iphone.

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