

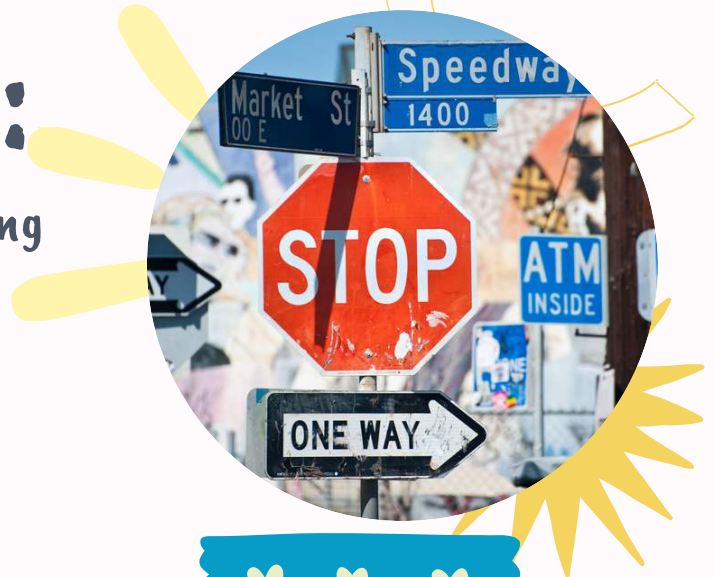
Early Reading:

Setting the stage for literacy learning

Why it's important:

An adult, a child and a book is a rich learning space.

- When you read with a child you are creating a space of curiosity, safety and connection. It is a calming experience.
- Reading stories aloud allows you to stop and discuss the pictures, teach new words, ask questions and make connections to your child's own life experiences.
- Reading aloud introduces your child to book language, which is more sophisticated than regular conversation and will enhance their language comprehension.
- **This activity focuses on finding connections to environmental print as you walk in the park, on the street, in the grocery store....Print is all around us!**



As we walk...

Keep your eyes open for signs and letters and words that are all around.

Play I Spy...

I spy the letter P.
I spy the word STOP.

Read the license plates...

What letters and numbers do you know on this plate?

What's this street?

Check out the names of streets as you cross an intersection. "How do you know that is what it says?"

Find a product:

In the grocery store, find these crackers. Check the letters to be sure!

Challenge?

Make a map of your neighbourhood and remember to add the street signs, stop signs, store signs, school names, etc.