Let's Talk Reading with Dr. Constance Beecher  
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Reading Tips

- Let your child see you enjoy reading.
- Read signs, menus, mail, billboards, cereal boxes, recipes, calendars, newspapers, magazines, labels and other everyday items.
- Play word games. For example, say, “I see something brown that barks. What is it? Or, I have a shoe, it’s new. You have a shoe; it is (ask your child what rhymes with shoe (blue).” Play when you’re in the car, cleaning, or eating.
- Check out the Science of Parenting and Just in time Parenting for more tips & suggestions. https://jitp.info/

While we want to encourage reading and active learning, don’t feel guilty if your children have been getting more screen time lately! There are many worthwhile learning activities that families can do online. Check out this article at Raising Kids During a Pandemic: 12 Tips for Parenting Young Kids During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Crisis. https://30seconds.com/mom/tip/19255/Raising-Kids-During-a-Pandemic-12-Tips-for-Parenting-Young-Kids-During-the-Coronavirus-COVID-19-Crisis

Theme of the week: Spring into Earth Day

Start the day
Lots of examples on Youtube, here are two favorites:

- with a song! Spring songs! https://youtu.be/DobrRgD5a0U
  Over in the Meadow. https://youtu.be/C6ljGXMMB-g

Question of the week
What are the signs of Spring? How do we know spring is here?

Read about it
Read And then it’s Spring. https://bookflix.digisocholastic.com/pair/detail/bk0111pr/start?authCtx=U.794217314

Reflect
Earth Day is April 22nd. Try this letter recycling activity! Can you find objects from A-Z to paint with in your house? https://www.pre-kpages.com/painting-with-recycled-objects-a-to-z/

Explore a challenge
Learn more about the signs of spring! https://iastate.app.box.com/v/AtHomeResources/file/653118181248

Read about it
Read Over in the Meadow https://youtu.be/d9pwVtJhA8c
As you read, make up movements to go with the verbs, like pretending to dig.

Do
Play a math game “How does your garden grow?” https://regentsctr.uni.edu/games/games-for-4-year-olds/how-garden-grow-4yr

Relax
End the day with some Yoga! Learn some spring garden yoga.  https://www.kidsyogastories.com/garden-yoga-ideas/