

Creating a Culture of Literacy at

Child Care

✓ CHECKLIST

- I have a special place to keep books that the children can reach.
- I set aside time for reading aloud to the children each day.
- I often let the children choose the books that I read to them.
- We do activities that relate to books that we read, such as cooking projects, art, or play-acting and dress-up.
- We own some books and also borrow from the library or other programs.
- Sometimes I invite other people such as librarians, parents and other volunteers to come in and read to the children.
- I encourage children to discuss picture books during storytime.
- I make a special effort to find and read books that are about the things we are doing in class or about the interests of individual children.
- I show children how to properly care for books by having clean hands and treating books gently.
- I have created cozy places in our classroom for children to look at books by themselves.
- I read both story books and books that are about facts to the children.
- I read books by the same author and talk to the children about how the books are the same or different.
- I enjoy sharing picture books with young children.

