THE READING ENGAGEMENT

HOMESCHOOL LITERACY GUIDE

A flexible read-aloud and literacy plan for homeschool families teaching children from birth through age 12.

A Simple Daily Literacy Rhythm

- Morning Basket (10–15 min): a poem, a song and a picture book everyone shares, all ages together.
- Skill Time (15–30 min): phonics, spelling or grammar at each child's level.
- Family Read-Aloud (20 min): a chapter book slightly above the oldest child's reading level.
- Independent Reading (15–30 min): child's choice from a curated basket.
- Create & Share: narrate, draw, write or act out what was read.

Focus by Age

Birth–13 months	Lap reading, songs, high-contrast and touch-and-feel books. Talk constantly.
1–3 years	Nursery rhymes, naming games, repetitive books and letter play in everyday life.
3–5 years	Letter sounds, rhyming, story sequencing, oral narration and early writing.
6–8 years	Phonics mastery, fluency practice, simple book reports and journaling.
9–12 years	Novel studies, research projects, persuasive and creative writing, literature discussion.

Multi-Age Teaching Tips

- Teach one book at many levels: the youngest draws, the middle child retells, the oldest analyzes.
- Let older siblings read aloud to younger ones — it builds fluency and confidence.
- Use unit studies that tie a book to science, history, art and math.
- Loop your schedule: rotate subjects instead of doing everything every day.

Sample Weekly Plan

- Mon: Start a new book; predictions and vocabulary list.
- Tue: Read and narrate; a craft or drawing response.
- Wed: Library day; independent reading choice.
- Thu: Writing day; letter, poem or alternate ending.
- Fri: Share and celebrate; perform, present or book-club chat.

Bring The Reading Engagement Home

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