



Learning at
home

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING!

Books make great gifts. Work with your child to create gifts they can give to family members and create a book wish list with your child to generate gift ideas for family and friends.

YOU HAVE A LOT TO SAY!

Make a letter book. For each letter of your last name, ask your child to draw a picture that has a person, object or activity that starts with that letter. For example, if your last name is Anderson, your child might draw Aunt Liz eating an apple for the letter A. Help your child write the words to describe the pictures and give the pictures as holiday gifts.

Have your child rewrite a famous fairy tale or story as if they are the main character.

Page 1: Have your child draw the main character and themselves and then list words that describe each. Discuss how they are alike or different than the main character.

Page 2: Ask your child to summarize the story and write what they say.

Page 3: Ask your child what they would have done differently if they were the main character of the story.

Read the story to your child each night and ask them to read any words they recognize.

Visit the library or shop online to make a wish list of books your child would like to read.

Distribute the list to your family members and encourage them to give books as toys this year.

Make letter cookies and spell out holiday messages. Bake a couple dozen cookies and have your child use gel icing to write one letter on each cookie (or write the letters for them). Spell out words each day using the letters. This will get harder as you eat the cookies! Additional option: Substitute salt for the sugar in the recipe and when you bake the cookies, they will become hard and durable so you can use them over and over.

Help your child write a poem. Start by making a list of words they would use to describe themselves and then see if you can line up the words to spell their name vertically.

Ex. For a person named Annie

Active

Nice

Fu**N**ny

Silly

LEader

Create a gift wish list with your child. Use one index card for each item they wish for. Add pictures or drawings of the item. Match the item to a family member based on the letters in item (ex. Joe will get the wish for a Jets jersey).