1. **Read together every day.** It will help little ones learn about letters, words and books.

2. **Tell stories, have children tell stories.** Even simple stories about what happened during the day will help kids learn to talk and communicate.

3. **Give kids paper, crayons and coloring books.** Color and scribbling are the first steps in learning to write and hold a crayon correctly.

4. **Play make believe.** It is a great way to grow young imaginations.

5. **Keep plenty of puzzles, blocks, stacking cups, even plastic containers for playing.** Simple play can help children learn how to solve problems and figure things out.

6. **Help little ones learn to play well with others.** These social skills will serve them well in school.

7. **Create family rules and routines.** Rules teach children how to act and behave. Routines help them learn what to expect.

8. **Practice 123s and ABCs.** Numbers and alphabet are important early learning skills.

9. **Talk about the colors and shapes of things.** These concepts help children learn how to organize things.

10. **Always shower little ones with lots of love and attention.** Secure, responsive family relationships are the most important.