Here are some simple yet effective activities you can do with your child to help them apply the literacy skills they learn at school.

**Play word games**
- and do crosswords to help develop spelling and vocabulary.

**Make a scrap book**
- this could be about a holiday or special event and have your child write captions for the photos and pictures.

**Have your child collect and sort the mail**
- who are the letters for and who are they from?

**Create a collage**
- using junk mail, old magazines or your child’s drawings with a particular focus — this could include pictures of things beginning with an ‘s’ sound or all pictures showing a particular colour.

**Make your kitchen**
- a ‘cooking’ zone and a ‘reading’ zone — use fridge magnets to make new words and short sentences, have your child write the weekly shopping list and read names on packages.
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Make the **writing of letters, notes, cards or emails** a daily family activity – you can write notes to your child and encourage them to write notes back to you.

Keep a **dictionary** in an easily accessible place – show your child how it can be used for a variety of purposes and accessed while word processing on a computer.

**Read** with and to your child everyday.

Keep blank paper and pencils handy at home for **writing activities**.

For more information about how you can help your child with literacy visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map or contact your child’s teacher or school.