

## How to Motivate Children to Read

Help children find time to read.

Surround children with reading materials.

Become aware of children's interests.

Nurture children's interests and seek out books to support them.

Encourage children to make their own reading selections, and respect them.

Share children's reading experiences.

Value children's opinions and concerns.



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# PALS

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**VIRGINIA'S  
EARLY  
INTERVENTION  
READING  
INITIATIVE**



## What is Virginia's Early Intervention Reading Initiative?

The Early Intervention Reading Initiative (EIRI) was initially established by the 1997 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 924, Item 140. In March 2000, the General Assembly passed legislation to expand the Initiative to cover primary grades. The Initiative seeks to reduce the number of children with Reading deficiencies through early diagnosis and remediation of early Reading skills through third grade. Dinwiddie County services first through third grade students that did not meet the PALS benchmark from the previous spring and kindergarten students not meeting the fall benchmark of the current school year.

## What is PALS?

PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening) is a diagnostic tool that measures children's knowledge of important literacy fundamentals. PALS corresponds with Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs). Students with screening scores that do not meet the state required benchmark receive tutoring and/or in-class assistance to help increase their knowledge of rhyme, alphabet recognition, letter sounds, spelling, word recognition and oral passage reading. These areas are fundamental components of the Reading process.



## Small Group Sessions Include:

- \* Rhyming Games
- \* Alphabet Games
- \* Letter Recognition
- \* Oral Reading
- \* Word Recognition
- \* Comprehension Skills
- \* Word Building
- \* Vowel Study
- \* Spelling
- \* Sound Blending
- \* Fluency Building

