



KALAMAZOO RESA
INSPIRING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE



DEAR FAMILIES,

We are excited to bring you a new resource to help your children on the path to literacy! Kalamazoo County Talking is Teaching offers materials and activities that are easy, everyday ways to boost your children's brain power. Kalamazoo County Talking is Teaching is an initiative of the Great Start Collaborative, a program of Kalamazoo RESA.

The research is clear: the brain develops more rapidly in the first few years of life than at any other time in life.

Understanding lots of words makes all learning easier in their future. Talking is Teaching focuses on "making small moments BIG." Whether you are at home folding laundry, changing diapers, watching TV, or going for a walk, there are so many little things we can all do to help children become successful readers and learners!

THE MORE WORDS YOUR LITTLE ONE HEARS
IN CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU, THE MORE
CONNECTIONS THEIR BRAIN MAKES
ABOUT WORDS AND WHAT THEY MEAN.



We look forward to providing lots of fun lessons, materials and ideas for you and your child. Kalamazoo County Talking is Teaching offers virtual playgroups and parent skill-building sessions.

Reach out to Jen Stroven, Campaign Manager, at jen.stroven@kresa.org or call 269-250-9701. Like us at Facebook at [Kalamazoo County Talking is Teaching!](#)

LET'S TALK, READ, SING ~
AND BUILD YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE ONE WORD AT A TIME!

More early childhood services at Kalamazoo RESA:

- ▶ **Great Start Collaborative** offers virtual "Parent Cafes" to connect and feel supported! For more check us out at KalamazooGSC.org, or call 269-250-9635.
- ▶ **Seeds for Success** offers developmental screenings and home visits to all families. Call 269-250-9647.
- ▶ **Early On** offers free evaluations and home visiting for children birth to age 3. Call with any developmental concerns. 269-250-9649