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Give the Gift of Reading
If you know an adult who would like help with reading, give him/her this number:

800-322-5455

It's the number for the Adult Learning Opportunities Hotline.

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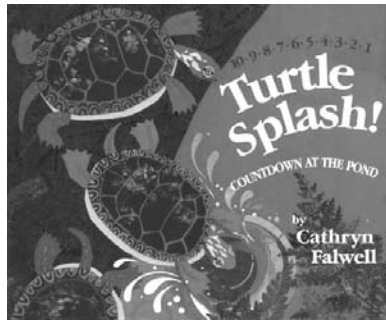
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Raising Readers Update

Upcoming Maine Book: *Turtle Splash*

Keep an eye out – a bunch of turtles is headed for your practice! The 4 year old book will soon be changing over to: *Turtle Splash! Countdown at the Pond.*



In addition to being a neat counting book, it's written by Cathryn Falwell, a Maine author/illustrator from Gorham. The turtles in the book are modeled on those she sees in the pond behind her studio. Falwell is also the author of *Where's Nicky?* and *David's Drawings.*

A Little Father's Day Advice



With Father's Day around the corner in June, consider "prescribing" a daily dose of reading to the Dads in your practice. Encouraging Dads to read with their kids is a gift for both the child and the parent.

Watch for our second *Issues in Early Literacy Development Brief* in June. It focuses on fathers and their impact on the development of their children.

Literacy Development:

What's Happening with 3 to 5 Year Olds?

Preschoolers like to tell stories. They delight in memorizing their favorite books and "reading" them back to you. This is a great time to begin to encourage them to choose library books to bring home.

Preschoolers continue to develop the power of using language. They continue to form basic literacy concepts:

- Print is speech written down.
- Printed words in a book don't change.
- Stories in books have a structure that conveys meaning.



What works when reading with 3 to 5 year olds?

- Ask them simple questions about the story.
- Visit the library and bookstore and choose books together.
- Go to story times.
- Let the child:
 - sit close to you or on your lap.
 - tell you stories.