

A decorative graphic for the November Newsletter. It features two lit candles at the top, a large orange pumpkin in the center, and various autumn vegetables like a red bell pepper, green zucchini, and a tomato. The text "November Newsletter" is written in a large, bold, black font, and "- Home Visiting" is written below it in a slightly smaller, bold, black font. The background is a soft, light-colored gradient.

# November Newsletter

## - Home Visiting

## EHS Home-Based Programs

### **500 Books by 5 years-old... do you think you and your child could do it?**

If you read a book a day, you'll be well on your way to 500 books in no time! You can even read the same book 5 or more times. It's up to you how many times you would like to read the same story or a new story. Exposing your child to books helps with language development.

### **Sharing books with babies and toddlers**

It's never too soon or too late to start reading to your baby. Infants learn to love books while snuggling in your arms and hearing your voice. Tap on the book to draw your baby's attention to the picture. Ask a question about the picture. The tone of your voice changes and your baby will soon learn what a question sounds like. Older babies and toddlers are beginning to label pictures—give them time to remember and say the words.

Ask questions like, "Where did that bunny go?" and then give the answer. There are no rules to how you read to your child none! Make reading a happy and pleasurable experience for your family.

### **Tips**

- Make a homemade book using crayons, magazine and newspapers
- Use family photo album to create a story as a book
- Use Scrap Paper using different colors to create a book to teach colors
- Go to your local Library to check out a book

Remember, socializations are a great opportunity to get together, learn more about child development and other topics

### **Socialization schedules at IAFC Early Learning**

- Chicago Heights: Second and fourth Friday of the month
- Dolton: First and third Friday of the month
- Ford Heights: Second and fourth Thursday of the month
- Harvey-South Holland: Second and fourth Friday of the month