So Many Tools, So Much to Learn!
Parenting Class in Family Literacy:

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The parenting class in Family Literacy has many tools to help us, such as journal entries, parenting vocabulary and lessons on the assessments our children are given. In addition to doing an activity with our children, the staff videotapes us reading to them. It’s a great class to be in.

The parents in this class do journal entries a couple of times a week. We write about activities we do with our children that help them learn. For example, I like to bake with my child. So I write about what he has learned from it, like new words, counting, and colors. It has taught me that making more time to do things like this with my children can teach them and build a stronger bond, which is awesome.

Learning the parenting vocabulary has been very helpful for myself and my child. I’ve learned many new words and their meanings. The vocabulary words help me to help him identify rhyming words. Reading to him helps me read more fluently and helps him understand how reading should sound. Reading with him is the best!

In our class, we’ve looked at and tried some of the assessments our children are given at Head Start. It helps us understand what they are and what they do. When our children take the assessments, they are showing their teacher what they know. The best part is that we parents get to see how much our child has progressed. These tests are a great idea for our children.

The reading that is videotaped is a cool idea. We parents get to read to our child while a teacher watches and videotapes us. We then get to look at the videotape and see ourselves reading and interacting with our child. This will teach us how well we do with fluency, rhyming words, asking questions, and pointing out the main characters. Those are just a few examples. This activity I believe is the best of all.

Parenting class is great. The journal entries are exciting because we can go back and see our progress with our child. Parenting vocabulary extends our vocabulary in teaching our children, and the lessons on the assessments really help us understand the tests our young ones need to take. Reading with our child while being videotaped really wraps it up because everything we’ve learned so far really helps us with this activity. Using what we’re learning will make this all the more exciting. Family Literacy really rocks!