Teach your child new words each week with Get Ready with Words

Vocabulary-building is very important in young children. Research shows that the more words kids learn before they reach school age, the greater their success will be once they start attending school and beyond.

Get Ready with Words wants to help you help the children in your life increase the number of words they know, while they are very young.

The program makes it easy for you to find words and activities, developed by the experts, to inspire vocabulary-building in children as young as 18 months old.

By visiting www.getreadywithwords.org, parents and caregivers will find "Words of the Week" along with activities inspired by literacy, science and the arts. "Words of the Week" will coincide with the school year, ending in the spring to make way for special summer programs.

We hope you'll share your experiences via social media using the hashtags #grww and #wordswednesday

Get Ready with Words is a collaboration between Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Community School of the Arts and Discovery Place.

Funded by PNC Bank's Grow Up Great Initiative, Get Ready with Words is designed for children from 18 months to five years old.

As students head back to school, Get Ready with Words is heading into year two of its special emphasis on the Montclaire South and GrierHeights neighborhoods.