



# Sample Parent Presentation for Better Beginnings Kindergarten

*The following is a sample script to help you prepare for a presentation to parents.*

**[School name] and [Library name]** are partners in a program with SLWA, Rio Tinto, Royalties for Regions.

When your child was a baby, you would have received a yellow Better Beginnings bag from your local library via their Child Health Nurse. The Baby packs are a reminder for parents to make books and reading a part of their child's everyday life.

Since then, your baby has grown into a child and the Better Beginnings program has grown to! We have another two more packs – one for 2-year-olds called Sing With Me and one for Kindergarten children.

Today I'd like to talk to you about the Kindergarten pack.

Now that your child has started school, it is still really important to keep reading at home. I am going to share with you a story that illustrates just how important it is.

**Tell Wendy Cooling's story about Kevin** (included in this article):  
[www.theguardian.com/education/2007/sep/11/schools.myfavouritelesson](http://www.theguardian.com/education/2007/sep/11/schools.myfavouritelesson))

Children like Kevin start school at a huge disadvantage. The Better Beginnings program aims to promote to all parents the importance of reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing every day with your child.

So, tonight, when your child brings home one of these packs, spend some time reading the book and looking through the other things in the bag.





Introduce the Better Beginnings Reading Packs for Kindergarten.

*[Holding the pack up, and showing each item as you mention it:]*

Inside each reading pack there is:

- A copy of “A is For Australian Animals” by Western Australian author/illustrator Frané Lessac
- tips for parents on lots of ways to enjoy it together,
- opportunities for children to write and draw
- a booklist and a bookmark

*Note for library: we suggest including a library membership form in your pack.*

We’d love to see you all with your families at the [insert library name] soon!

By joining [insert library name], you have FREE access to:

- hundreds more items available for children to borrow, including books, games, puppets *[adjust to your collection]* as well as online resources.

Thank you to the kindergarten staff for accepting the invitation to be part of Better Beginnings. Parents, well done for doing such a great job with reading at home and boys and girls, happy reading and I hope to see you at the public library soon.

