

FOUNDATIONS FOR READING

Getting preschoolers ready to read!



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ORAL LANGUAGE

Oral language involves the different types of vocabulary words children know (example: adjectives, verbs), how grammatical their sentences are, and how well they can retell stories.



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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Listening comprehension refers to how well children can understand what they hear. Comprehension involves following directions, answering literal questions, and making inferences.



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PRINT AWARENESS

Print awareness refers to understanding basic concepts of print (example: how to hold the book, reading from left to right, the front vs. back of the book, pictures vs. words) and knowing what an author and illustrator are.



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PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Phonological awareness refers to how children manipulate oral language in sentences, words, syllables and individual sounds (also known as phonemes).



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ALPHABET KNOWLEDGE

Alphabet knowledge refers to knowing letter names and the relationship between letters and the sounds they make (also known as letter-sound correspondence).



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LOVE OF BOOKS!

Showing children how fun books can be when they are young can promote their motivation to love reading for life.