

Basic Foundations

Three to Five — English/Language Arts

Phonemic Awareness is an “ear” skill. It is the ability to hear the sounds of words. Learning to read requires that children have the awareness for the sound of the spoken language.

Reading Phonemic Awareness



Young children are learning when they —

- * Identify the first letter of their own name—then they will be able to match that sound with the beginning sounds of other words.
- * Imitate simple rhymes—at first let them be creative with the “words” that they rhyme—remember they are still learning.
- * Sing the alphabet song—this helps them learn the names of the letters in a fun way.

Adults are being supportive when they —

- * Read familiar rhymes—stopping before a rhyming word and encourage the child to fill in the rhyme.
- * Provide opportunities to learn the sounds of the letters—not only is it important for a child to know the letters of the alphabet, but it is also important to know the sounds that they make and what they look like.
- * Provide opportunities for the child to experiment and play with the sounds words make—using songs, rhymes, nonsense words, and music.

Websites for Fun and Ideas—

www.alphabet-soup.net

www.pbskids.org

www.readingrockets.org



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