



Kindergarten

The most important predictor of reading success is time spent reading with a parent. Help your child develop a love of reading by reading together every day. As you read with your child, point out the parts of the book, and ask him/her to show you where to begin reading and which direction you should go as you read. Point to the words as you read making a connection between what you say and the print on the page. Read a lot of rhyming books, and talk about which words have the same ending sound. Talk about words and sounds when you are grocery shopping. “What sound does apple begin with? What letter makes that sound?” Ask questions about the story. “What was your favorite part of the story? Why?”

Reading Essential Skills Your Child Should Know

- Display proper book orientation skills by holding the book correctly and indicating left to right, top to bottom.
- Know parts of a book—(e.g., cover, title, and back).
- Recognize the difference between a letter, word, and sentence.
- Recognize and name all capital and lower case letters of the alphabet.
- Demonstrate the ability to hear and distinguish sounds in spoken words.
- Identify and produce simple rhyming words (example: bat, cat).
- Recognize the beginning, middle, and ending sounds in a word.
- Begin to blend sounds to form a word.
- Identify all letters in the alphabet by name and sound.
- Associate meaning and understanding with reading by participating in the following:
 - predict what the story will be about.
 - act out a story that has been read aloud.
 - tell what is happening in a picture.



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