

# PARENT CONNECTION

## What is a phonemic awareness?

Phonemic Awareness is the ability to recognize and manipulate the individual sounds (phonemes) in spoken words. It is a critical aspect of literacy development and is considered a strong predictor of future reading success. It involves being able to identify, distinguish, and blend sounds in words and is a key component of phonics instruction.

## Why is it important?

Phonemic Awareness is important because it is closely linked to a child's ability to learn to read. Children with strong phonemic awareness skills are better able to decode written words and comprehend what they read.



## Ways I can support this at home.

- Encourage your child to experiment with sounds and words by asking them to create new words by changing sounds.
- Encourage your child to play word games, such as rhyming, counting syllables, and identifying initial and final sounds in words.
- Use blocks, letter magnets, or other manipulatives to help your child see the connection between sounds and letters.