

The 5 Pillars of Early Literacy



Phonemic awareness:

The ability to hear sounds, or phonemes, in words, e.g. “play” rhymes with “day”



Phonics:

The understanding that letters represent individual sounds, e.g. /w/ /e/ /t/



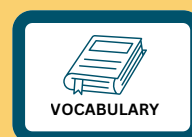
Fluency:

The ability to read (at the “just right” level) smoothly & accurately with expression



Vocabulary:

Knowing what the words mean; how to say and use them correctly, e.g. different meanings of “shake”



Comprehension:

The goal; the ability to understand what you are reading, e.g. “What happened in the story?”



Check out the New Jersey Tiered System of Supports for Early Reading Project for more information on literacy:

spanadvocacy.org/early-reading/



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