Planning for Differentiation and Appropriate Instruction for Children Birth-Age 5

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Phonemic Awareness: The Skills That They Need To Help Them Succeed!
Pre-Kindergarten Version
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Objectives: Participants will...

- understand the significance of print knowledge, phonological awareness, and oral language for the development for emergent literacy.
- review research in emergent literacy instruction.
- learn what we need to teach young children to improve emergent literacy development in children from birth - age 5.

What We Need to Teach Young Children

- Oral Language
  - Speaking and listening
- Phonological Processing
  - Conscious awareness and ability to manipulate sound structures of words
- Print Knowledge
  - Concepts of print
  - Alphabet knowledge
  - Being a writer
“Simple” View of Reading

Word Recognition × Language Comprehension = Reading Comprehension

Phonics \[\text{Phonemic Awareness} \quad \text{Sight words} \]

Listening comprehension \[\text{Vocabulary} \]

Oral language \[\text{Background knowledge} \quad \text{Literacy Knowledge} \]

Gough & Tunmer, 1986

We are NOT teaching young children to read.

We are building foundational skills that will ease the transition to formal reading instruction.
Emergent Literacy is an Initial Step on the Pathway to Reading Achievement

- Emergent literacy skills are the specific abilities and interests that children acquire before they become conventional readers.
- Early experiences with books provide opportunities to develop critical emergent literacy skills.

Teaching Print Knowledge - Print Meaning, Letters, Words, Book Organization
What does ‘Early Literacy’ look like in a young child?

- Pretending to write
- Pretending to read
- Naming letters
- “Reading” print in environment
- Writing own name
- Asking questions about print

Without **explicit support** to attend to and **learn about print**, children have relatively **little interactions with print** even in ‘literacy-rich’ activities.

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Print Knowledge: Four Dimensions

- Book and print organization
- Print meaning
- Letters
- Words

From Engaging Children with Print: Building Early Literacy Skills through Quality Read-Alouds, by Laura M. Justice and Amy E. Sofka.

Why Is Print Knowledge Important?

Alphabet knowledge has been shown to be among the best predictors of later word reading.

Initial research has shown that print-concept knowledge can predict later reading comprehension.
Children with solid knowledge of the forms and functions of print will find it relatively easy to learn to read.

Children with limited knowledge about print enter kindergarten already behind in reading development.

37% of entering kindergarteners with poor literacy skills will pass the third-grade reading test.
Why Is Print Knowledge Important?

For every additional point received on the Letter identification subtest of Ohio’s Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, child’s odds of passing the third-grade reading test increase by 23%.

Develop Metalinguistic Awareness

Any discussion about print requires **metalinguistic awareness**.

- Why do we read books?
- There are three words in the title.
- The title of this book is ‘Froggy Gets Dressed’.
- This letter is F.
- What kinds of things do you find in a book?
- Letters work hard. The same letter helps to make different words.
- Who can show me all the S's on this page?
Teaching Print Referencing

3 Ingredients:

1. Print-rich book
2. Explicit discussions about print
3. Scope and sequence of instruction
Feed me! Straight into my HOPPER!

Nice toss, guys!

STOP!

In the Small, Small Pond
Denise Fleming

I STINK!
By Kate & Jim McMullan
Print-Rich Books have interesting features about print to discuss!

Review features of a book that could help you teach about print?

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### STAR Dialog

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<td>The title of this book is “Vegetable Soup”</td>
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<td>What do you think this book is about?</td>
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<td>What do you think this word is?</td>
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<td>This book is about a garden.</td>
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<td>Yep, that says ‘carrot’ on that garden marker.</td>
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<td>Here he’s got a shovel.</td>
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<td>Look at these tiny words here. They say ‘tomato’ and ‘peas’.</td>
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<td>What’s he digging up?</td>
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**STAR Cards**

STAR Cards (for parents and teachers) give specific and differentiated instructional sequences and questions for each of the 30 books in the STAR curriculum.

**FREE DOWNLOAD!**

What You Need to Participate in STAR

30 print-rich storybooks to read aloud.

Each book has two STAR cards.

Teaching Oral Language - Vocabulary
Students Learn to Read to print from speech

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Children from high-income families are exposed to 30 million more words than children from families on welfare.

86 - 98% of the words used by each child by the age of three were derived from their parents’ vocabularies.

The number of words heard varied based on socioeconomic status.

Children raised in middle to high income class homes had far more language exposure to draw from.

By the age of 3, spoken vocabularies of CHILDREN from professional families were larger than vocabulary from PARENTS in poor families.

Hart & Risley, 1995
### Vocabulary Gap

**Students enter school with different levels of vocabulary.** (Hart and Risley, 1995)

#### Cumulative Vocabulary (Age 4)

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<td>families</td>
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### Vocabulary Gap

**Meaningful Differences in Cumulative Experiences** (Hart & Risley, 1995)

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<td>620</td>
<td>62,000</td>
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<td>1,250</td>
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<td>2,150</td>
<td>215,000</td>
<td>11 million</td>
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3 Ts 

Tune in

Talk more

Take turns
Tune In

- Notice what a child is focused on, and then, when appropriate, talk WITH the child about it.
- Join in!
- When? Play times, meal times, while reading

If the child is not interested, then there will be no impact on the child’s developing brain.
Talk More

- Talk with a child
- Quantity and quality
  - More than just number of words
  - Kinds of words matter!
- Narration - talk about what is happening as you do it
  - Self talk - what you are doing or how to do it (I do)
  - Parallel talk - what a child is doing or should be doing (We do)
Language Stimulation Techniques

- **Self Talk** - Use short sentences to describe what you are doing.
- **Parallel Talk** - Describe what the child is doing.
- **Recast** - Repeat what a child says with a correct model.
- **Expansion** - Add more information (vocabulary or grammar) to a child’s sentence.
Use pictures for oral language development.

- **Who** is in the picture?
- **What** is he **doing**?
- Then develop the language. (e.g., How is he ____? Where is he _____?)
- This is about ORAL LANGUAGE development, getting the kids to talk about what they see. Our communication, modeling, and talking matter here, too!

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**Who and DO**

**Take Turns**

- Engage children in conversational turn-taking
- Serve & return
- **Strive** for 5

Most impactful of the 3 T's on the developing brain.
When adults respond to a toddler’s efforts to communicate, they increase conversational skills, boost vocabulary, and propel the kids towards literacy.

Wash Them in Waves of Words

- Some children come to school with too little language to support comprehension.
- Wash our kids in words through READ ALOUDS.
- Oral language gives them a background in language.
Teaching Phonological Awareness - Rhyming, Alliteration, Segmenting, Blending Sounds

Predicting Poor Reading

• We can determine with over 90% accuracy whether or not a child in kindergarten will be in the bottom 10% of readers in 2nd grade by looking at:
  • phonological awareness
  • orthographic knowledge/letter naming
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- **Phonological awareness** is a broad skill that includes identifying and manipulating units of oral language – parts such as words, syllables, and onsets and rimes.
- Children who have phonological awareness are able to identify and make oral rhymes, can clap out the number of syllables in a word, and can recognize words with the same initial sounds like 'money' and 'mother.'

- **Phonemic awareness** is a subset of phonological awareness that focuses specifically on recognizing and manipulating phonemes, the smallest units of sound.
- Phonemes combine to form syllables and words.
Importance of PA:

Research has shown that explicit phonemic awareness instruction increases reading and spelling achievement among preschoolers, primary-grade children, and students with learning disabilities.

(Ball and Blachman, 1991; Lundberg, Frost, and Petersen, 1988; Yopp, 1992)

Research Findings:

The lack of phonemic awareness is the MOST powerful determinant of the likelihood of failure to read.

(Marilyn Adams, 1990)
How can you help?

- Teach students to focus on the sounds in the words!
- Start BIG to small
  - whole words
  - compound words
  - syllables
  - onset-rime
  - individual sounds

Phonological Awareness Hierarchy

- Rhyming
  - matching
  - identification
- Alliteration
  - matching
  - categorization
- Blending
  - words, syllables
  - onset-rime units
  - phonemes
- Segmenting
  - syllables
  - onset-rime units
  - phonemes
Willaby Wallaby Woo - Rhyme Matching

- Willaby Wallaby Woo,
  An elephant sat on you.
- Complete using children’s names.

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Read Aloud Books with Rhyme

- Point out specific words that rhyme.
- Have students repeat them.
- See if students can identify rhyming words.

Bouncing Sounds - Alliteration & Substitution

- Play with words by “bouncing” on the beginning sounds of children’s names or the names of other objects.
- “I see a /d/ – /d/ – /d/ – dog.”
- Say your partner’s name, beginning with the /k/ sound.
- BELLS pg. 237-238
Hungry Sounds - Alliteration

- A monkey would like to eat only muffins, meatloaf, milk, mashed potatoes, and mushrooms.
- A pig would like to eat popsicles, pudding, pizza, plums, and popcorn.
- A cat would like to eat...
  - BELLs pg. 59

Grab Bag Surprise

- Fill a bag with small toys or objects.
- Grab one item, and practice determining the first sound in the word (onset).
- You can also practice clapping or tapping the syllables.
Mirror, Mirror, Lead the Way. Find the Sound That I Say!

Nursery Rhymes

- Repeating a sentence & Nursery Rhymes
  - There is a strong link between the nursery rhyme knowledge of Pre-K children and their future success in reading and spelling. -MacLean, Bryant, and Bradley (1987)
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