

Early Literacy Essentials



ALL AGES

VOCABULARY

Introduction to new words

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Exposure to new topics and ideas

ATTENTION & MOTIVATION

Interest and focus while reading

AGES 0-2

ORAL LANGUAGE SKILLS

Babbling, talking, singing

PRINT AWARENESS

Exploring and handling books

AGES 3-5

ALPHABET KNOWLEDGE

Naming letters and making their sounds

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Hearing sounds, syllables, and rhymes within words

AGES 6-9

PHONICS

Sounding out and spelling words

PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Hearing each sound within words

FLUENCY

Smooth reading, with speed, accuracy, and expression

GOALS



COMPREHENSION

Understanding of text and meaning



SELF EXPRESSION

Sharing one's own thoughts and ideas