SKILLS FOR READING & WRITING FOR A LIFETIME

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