

Early Literacy

These are suggested activities that can assist your child in developing early literacy skills. These are not required skills prior to coming to school, however these types of activities will support your child's literacy development.

Reading

- Identify their own name and some letters within their name
- Read with your child everyday – bedtime stories, short stories, picture books
- Encourage your child to hold the book the correct way
- When reading books ask your child questions about what they are reading such as: who is in this story, where did they go, what did they do etc.
- Retell the book in order of how things happened. Ask your child to do the same
- What was your child's favourite part and why
- Find words in the environment such as street signs or road signs
- Explore nonfiction texts such as recipes, cereal packets, newspapers
- Reading should be fun and enjoyable and keep within a short time frame

PRE-READING SKILLS (PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS)

- Rhyming activities
- Rhyming texts, poems, nursery rhymes
- Which two words rhyme? E.g. hug, bear, bug
- Tell me a word that rhymes with...



PHONICS

- Practise identifying the beginning sounds (phonemes) of words - e.g. b for Ben, c for cat
- Focus on the letter SOUNDS not letter names
- Run finger below each sound and get faster each time
- Discuss beginning, middle and end sounds

