



Ohio Ready to Read 6 Early Literacy Skills

Early Literacy includes 6 foundational skills every child should learn before he or she enters Kindergarten. These skills focus on pre-reading & pre-writing.

Print Awareness is noticing print, knowing how to handle a book, & knowing how to follow print from left to right on a page.

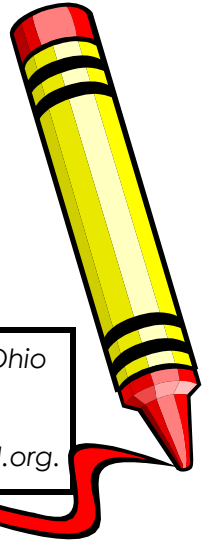
Print Motivation is a child's interest in & enjoyment of books and reading.

Vocabulary is knowing the names of things, feelings, concepts and ideas.

Letter Knowledge is knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds, & recognizing letters everywhere.

Phonological Awareness is being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words and rhyming sounds.

Narrative Skills is the ability to describe things and events as they happened and retell stories.




For information on Ohio Ready to Read, please visit www.ohreadytoread.org.

Upcoming Early Literacy Programs

These programs include age appropriate books, rhymes, games & activities that focus on the 6 early literacy skills mentioned above. These programs are free and open to the public.

****RRR is Read, Rhyme, and Romp for ages 0-3 years & ST is Storytime for ages 3 & up.**

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Please visit one of our Early Literacy stations where you and your child can participate in a fun & learning experience. An Early Literacy station is available at all 3 DPLS locations.		
<p><u>September</u> 27-30 - RRR & ST Registration</p> <p><u>October</u> 1- RRR & ST Registration 4, 11, 18&25 - RRR @ 5:30 pm 4, 11, 18&25 - ST @ 6:00 pm 6, 13, 20&27 - RRR @ 10:00 am 6, 13, 20&27 - ST @ 10:30 am</p> <p><u>November</u> 1, 8, 15&29 - RRR @ 5:30 pm 1, 8, 15&29 - ST @ 6:00 pm 3, 10&17 - RRR @ 10:00 am 3, 10&17 - ST @ 10:30 am</p> <p><u>December</u> 6&13 - RRR @ 5:30 pm 6&13 - ST @ 6:00 pm 1, 8&15 - RRR @ 10:00 am 1, 8&15 - ST @ 10:30 am</p>	<p><u>September</u> 27-30 - RRR & ST Registration</p> <p><u>October</u> 1- RRR & ST Registration 5, 12, 20&27 - RRR @ 10:30 am 5, 12, 20&27 - ST @ 11:00 am</p> <p><u>November</u> 2, 9, 16&30 - RRR @ 10:30 am 2, 9, 16&30 - ST @ 11:00 am</p> <p><u>December</u> 7&14 - RRR @ 10:30 am 7&14 - ST @ 11:00 am</p>	<p>**Check you local library for a list of upcoming Early Literacy programming**</p> 



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Stories from the Sandbox



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When Should I Start Reading to my Child?

Many parents wonder when they should begin reading to their child. Since babies begin responding to voices while in the womb, many experts say start reading (and talking) to your baby before he or she is born.

Once your child is born, the best books to read to him or her are simple board books that have 2 or 3 high-contrast colors and 1, possibly 2, pictures per page. Once your child is 1-2 months old, you can start reading books that have more pictures and colors per page.

Let your baby explore the book before, during, and after you read. If he or she drops it, just pick it back up and give a gentle reminder to be careful. If your baby chews on the edges, he or she is testing the texture and size of the book, but again remind them to be gentle. Remember, board books are made to be handled by babies, so let them explore them.

Board books are best for babies and toddlers, but once your child is two years old start

introducing him or her to hardback and paperback books. This is the time that most children are ready to learn how to handle a book. In Early Literacy, this is known as Print Awareness. Let your child hold the book while you are reading. If the child holds a book upside down, turn it around and say "this is how the pictures go." If the child turns pages quickly or roughly, explain to them how people have to be careful with books to keep them nice. These are just a few examples of how to show a child how to use a book.

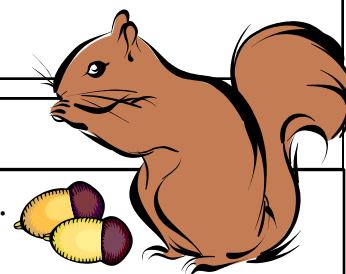
By reading to your child from birth and starting early teaching your child how to treat and use a book, he or she will have a better understanding and enjoyment of reading as he or she grows up.

If you have any questions or comments, please call 419-782-1456 or e-mail rtpipton@defiancelibrary.org.

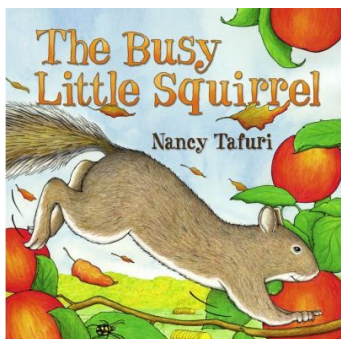
**all 6 Early Literacy skills are defined on the back of the newsletter*

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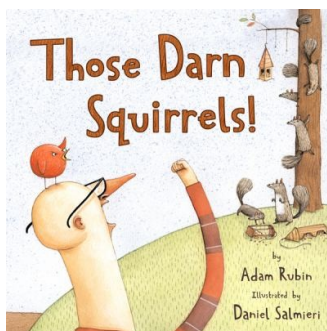
Here are a few squirrel books for your enjoyment.
Check out our other fall book displays too!



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