



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.

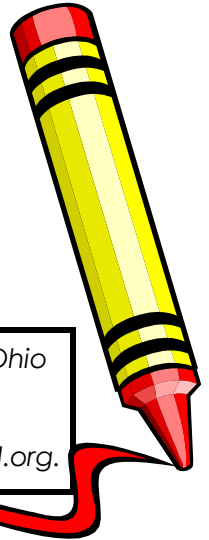
Print Motivation is a child's interest in & enjoyment of books and reading.

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.		
<u>June</u> 9,16,23&30 - RRR @ 10:30 am 9,16,23,&30 - ST @ 11:30 am <u>July</u> 7&14 - RRR @ 10:30 am 7&14 - ST @ 11:30 am	<u>June</u> 8,15,22&29 - RRR @ 10:30 am 8,15,22&29 - ST @ 11:30 am <u>July</u> 6&13 - RRR @ 10:30 am 6,13,20&27 - ST @ 11:30 am	
		



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Stories from the Sandbox



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Early Literacy Apps for iPhone and Android



Kids ABC Letters Lite

Applications for smart phones that promote early literacy skills do exist. Using sites like www.theiphonemom.com and

www.androidapps.com, you can find many FREE apps to use with your toddler and preschooler to help them begin learning.

Two free applications for iPhones are "Stickery: Mermaid Waters" and "Polly Poodle's Noisy Book". With "Stickery: Mermaid Waters" once your child's age is entered in the app (this app is best used with 3-5 year olds), the app will customize age appropriate answers. For example, questions for four years olds contain letter and word recognition; this is great for *Letter Knowledge and Print Awareness. "Polly Poodle's Noisy Book" allows children to hear the sound that the picture and word shown make. This is only 2 of many children's apps available for use on an iPhone.

For Androids, free apps such as "Kids ABC

Letters Lite" and "123s ABCs Handwriting Fun" offer parents a fun and interactive way to teach a child Print Awareness. "Kids ABC Letters Lite" (pictured at left) offers interactive games that name letters and show letter shapes. The second app, "123s and ABCs Handwriting Fun", lets children trace the letter on the screen and says the name and sound of the letter before and after tracing, thus, again reinforcing the Early Literacy skill Letter Knowledge.

Many other applications exist to not only entertain your child but also to help your child learn. If you have a smart phone and need a fun and educational game for your child, please check out these free apps. You will also find many more apps (some free/some for a small fee) on the websites mentioned at the beginning of this article.

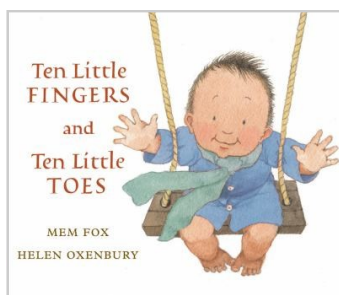
If you have any questions or comments, please call 419-782-1456 or e-mail rtpiton@defiancelibrary.org.

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

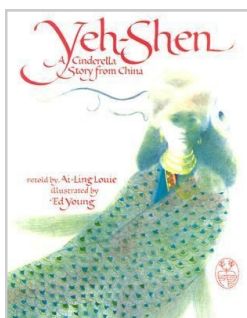
One World, Many Stories

The theme for the 2011 Summer Reading program is "One World, Many Stories". Here are some book suggestions from all 3 DPLS locations. Check out our book displays too!

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