

5 PRINCIPLES

& How to Turn Learning into Games

PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Ability to hear, identify, and change out the sounds in spoken words.

Children should know how to identify different sounds in words. For instance, saying the sounds /f/ /u/ /n/ make up the word "fun". They can then be asked to change the sound /f/ to /s/. What is the word?

VOCABULARY

Ability to use familiar words in conversation, writing, and reading. This involves understanding word parts (e.g., uno, chloro, terra) to learn new vocabulary words.

Children should focus on the depth of language. Use a word often. Talk about what the word means and doesn't mean. Give examples from video clips and photos.

PHONICS

Ability to identify the sounds with symbols. In our language, the symbols can be one or more letters (graphemes).

Work on the phoneme-grapheme connection. For instance, saying the word "fun" and asking how many sounds make up the word "fun". They can count the sounds or put out a counter for each of the 3 sounds in fun.

COMPREHENSION

Ability to understand and apply meaning to a text that has been read.

When you are watching a movie or TV show, pause often and ask questions about the plot. "What do you think will happen next? Who is the main character? Where does this take place?" Then continue these types of questions when you read books together. Get your child used to answering questions and talking with your about stories.

FLUENCY

Ability to move beyond decoding of words and read "decodable texts" accurately and with expression.

Read aloud to your child. Have your child read simple, decodable texts on their level. Listen carefully and praise them for their abilities.

GAMES FOR HOME

Scan the QR code for a video with ideas for each of the principles.



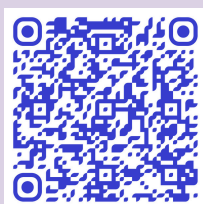
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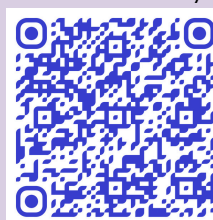
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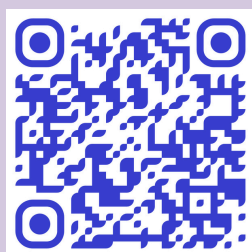
FREE DECODEABLE TEXTS

These are not for read-alouds. Instead, these decodable texts
should be used only when your child is familiar with the letter
sounds in the story.



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