



Sacramento County READS

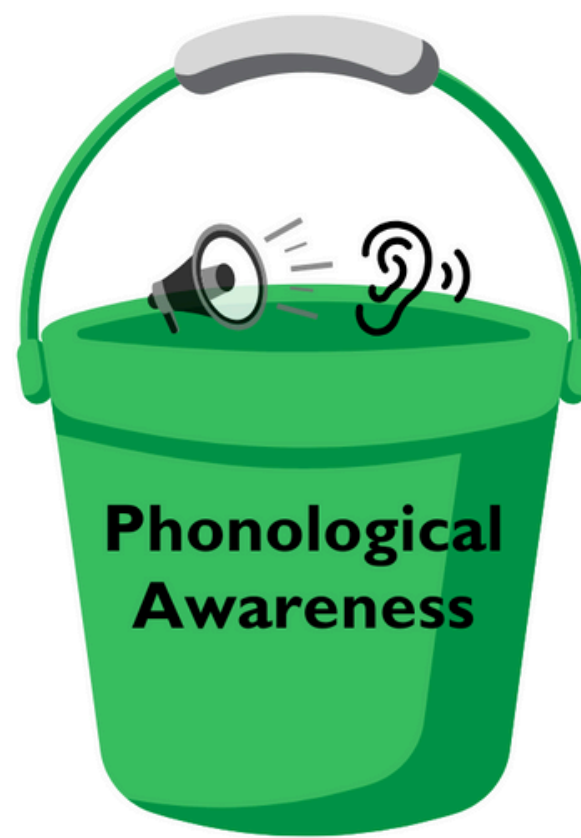
Early Literacy Skills



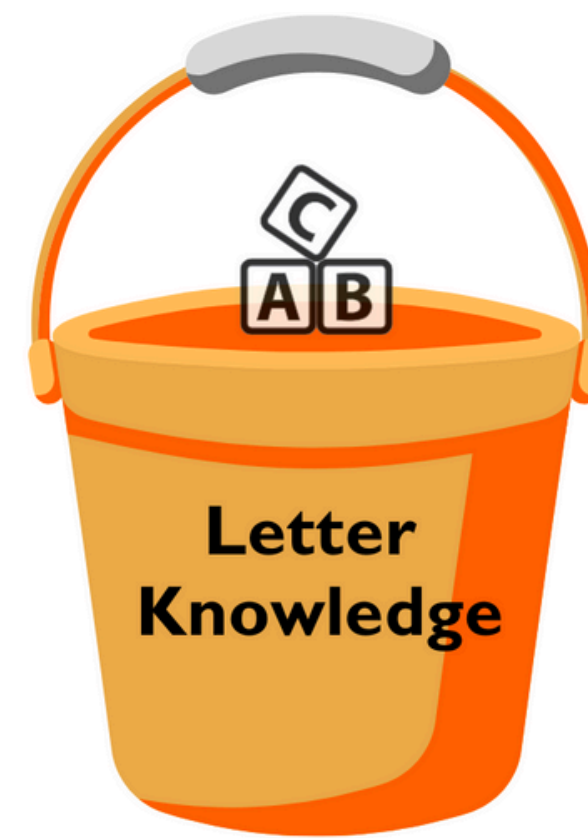
Early literacy skills are the foundational abilities that children begin to develop before they start formal reading and writing instruction and are the essential content needed to become proficient readers and writers. These skills are important for future academic success and are instructional priorities in the early years of schooling.



Talk, Read, Sing



Play with Sounds



Explore Letters

What are Early Literacy Skills?

ORAL LANGUAGE

- Knowledge and skills that we use to produce and understand spoken language.
- Develops naturally.
- An ongoing process developed through use of language.

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

- Recognize, hear, and play with the sounds in spoken language.
- Understanding that spoken words are made up of individual sounds.

LETTER KNOWLEDGE

- Ability to recognize letter shapes and then connect these shapes to letter names.
- Ability to name the letters and ultimately know their sounds.
- Ability to form the letters.

WHY?

- Foundation of all literacy skills.
- Develops the ability to understand and use language.

WHY?

- A strong predictor of future reading proficiency.
- Gives children a foundation for learning to identify sounds as they learn to read and spell.

WHY?

- A strong predictor of success in learning to read.
- Allows children to remember the forms of written words and see words as sequences of letters.