

Kindergarten Reading Readiness

Parents: These are the five most important concepts when teaching reading. These concepts are continuously taught throughout elementary.

1. Vocabulary Skills: Look for unknown words when reading and define them to your child in the easiest terms. Understanding word meanings and using them correctly in the text. Go through a children's dictionary with your child a few times a week to build vocabulary skills.

2. Fluency: The more a child reads or is read to, the faster reading development becomes for them. Reading books with similar phrasing from page to page helps with this. "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" is a great example of a read-aloud book for fluency building.

3. Comprehension: When reading to your child, always ask questions: Who, where, what, how, and why???. Foster Metacognition-Thinking about Thinking!

4. Phonics: Blending, chunking, and building words with letters are all ideas to help with this! Look for words in text with the same prefixes, suffixes, or root words: have your child circle all of the same they see.

5. Phonemic Awareness: Being able to hear the sounds or phonemes, which make up the spoken language. Working on syllables (clapping out words) or rhymes is a great way to help build this!