

Early Literacy Skills

There are six early literacy skills that all children need to develop in order to learn to read.

Print Motivation: A child's interest in and enjoyment of books.

Narrative Skills: The ability to understand and tell stories.

Vocabulary:

Knowing the names of things.

Phonological

Awareness: The ability to hear and manipulate the small sounds in words.

Letter Knowledge: The ABCs!

Print Awareness: Knowing how to use books.

For tips on practicing these skills at home, or in finding books that reinforce these skills, talk with a librarian!



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literacy skills in English and
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**BILINGUAL FAMILY
STORYTIME
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Taking Storytime Home

*Ideas and techniques from
today's storytime that you can
use to continue the development
of pre-literacy skills at home.*



Science is FUN!

Children are naturally curious about the world around them. You can use this curiosity to help your child begin learning about nature and science. By reading about and exploring the environment, you help your child learn to:

- Notice patterns
- Organize objects according to similarities
- Observe changes over time
- Have respect for living things

Developing such skills helps your child become prepared for Kindergarten and ready for school success!

Night is a great theme for learning about the world around us. Try talking with your child about:

- The similarities between day and night
- Why we have darkness and light
- What types of animals live during the day and night—how are they alike and different?
- How your child feels during daytime and nighttime

Such conversations help children develop **vocabulary** and **narrative skills**, which prepares them to learn how to read!



Rhymes help build **phonological awareness**: the ability to hear the small sounds inside of whole words. Try this classic rhyme at home:

Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are

Try changing the words to further reinforce the skill development and have some silly fun! For example, change “little star” to “meowing cat” - what words rhyme with cat that you can use in the next line?

Recommended Books about Night:

- *Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Henkes. This title has a clear beginning, middle and end which makes it perfect for reinforcing narrative skills. After reading, ask your child what happened first, next and last in the story. You can also use this book to talk about the phases of the moon—what kind of moon is out tonight?
- *Hello Night / Hola noche* by Amy Costales. A beautiful bilingual title about the sights and sounds we experience in the world at night. An added bonus is that this book rhymes in both English and Spanish.
- *Counting Ovejas* by Sarah Weeks. A perfect bilingual bedtime story. Count the sheep of different colors in English and Spanish before drifting off to sleep.

