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Phonemic Awareness & Phonics

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If you are interested in additional resources to use at home with your child, please share your **name** and **email address** on the notecard provided.

Resources

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Phonemic Awareness

What is it?

- Phonemic awareness is an understanding that spoken language and words are made up of sounds.
- Children with phonemic awareness skills have the ability to hear, identify, and manipulate sounds in spoken words.



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There are approximately 44 sounds in the English language. These sounds are referred to as **phonemes**.

A **Phoneme** is the smallest unit of speech. Each phoneme is a distinct, individual sound that helps to build words.

Why is phonemic awareness important?

Students who lack phonemic awareness may not even know what is meant by the term sound. They can usually hear well and may even name the alphabet letters, but they have little or no idea what letters represent. If asked to give the first sound in dog, they are likely to say “woof”.

-Reading Rockets

- A child's phonemic awareness skills are often a predictor of their future success in reading and writing.
- When children are able to hear, identify, and manipulate the sounds within spoken words, they are better able to recognize the print-sound relationship that is necessary for reading and spelling success.

What does phonemic awareness look like at school?

- Stretch Those Sounds
- Phoneme Blending Listening Activity
- Phoneme Addition Listening Activity
- Word Building

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Building a Reader at Home

- Phonemic Awareness Fun Activity Sheet (listening activities)
- Florida Center for Reading Research (games and activities for letter identification, manipulating sounds, phonics, and fluency skills)

These will be shared with you by email.





Thank You!



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