Opening Doors to Early Literacy

-resources and activities to use with Pre-K children-

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Part 1: Ready to Read—overview

Early literacy, what children need to know about reading and writing before they actually learn to read and write, is crucial to success. Participants will learn about the six early reading skills, how they relate to brain development, and basic ways to integrate them into daily life. Participants will be able to define the meaning of “early literacy”; list the six essential early literacy skills and describe ideas to incorporate them into daily routines; practice ways to read picture books that dramatically increase language development; and understand and apply the dialogic reading method when sharing a picture book.

Part 2: sample book sharing for 3s and 4s

Young children deserve to experience age-appropriate materials that demonstrate early literacy skills. When such titles are presented using unique and creative techniques, this increases the likelihood that children will grasp language patterns and encourage usage in their everyday lives. Participants will learn how to identify books appropriate for each age; to present books in memorable ways; and to use songs and signing to extend story/circle times.

wiki site: 2s3s4s.pbworks.com

resources —
- starfall.com for practice with ABCs
- nancymusic.com (free music downloads)
- signingsavvy.com: video illustrations of signs; app for phone
- http://www.mardel.com magnetic alphabet letters
- Building a Core Print Collection for Preschoolers by Alan Bailey
- “books similar to (name of book)” will take you to Good Reads with titles
- bookfinder: used and new books at reduced prices
- literacy activities: https://www.pinterest.com/staceyfeehan/preschool-literacy-activities/
- Robert Sabuda. extraordinary popup books