Development of Literacy

Learning the rules of written language is at the heart of becoming a skilled reader.



ONE FOR THE BOOKS

Literacy is an important part of daily life. It empowers children's educational, societal, and civic development. Over time, reading becomes a gateway to learning.



Take a trip to your local library. Librarians can help you find age-appropriate books to share with your child. Follow your child's interests when choosing new books to read. Explore fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art, and more!

SOUND IT OUT

Phonics-based instruction is key to teaching children how to read. This method teaches children that letters represent sounds and that words can be sounded out.

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TRY THIS!

Take turns reading aloud. Turn-taking supports and encourages new readers. Their reading partners can model how to sound out words. Provide them with materials that they can read already, and those that are just beyond their reach.



LAY THE FOUNDATION

Some children have difficulty learning to read. Inclusive early intervention programs help children build foundational skills and improve their reading ability.



Effective early intervention programs are integrated in schools, homes, and communities and build a child's foundational skills. They also break stigmas and empower children to continue to practice reading on their own.

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