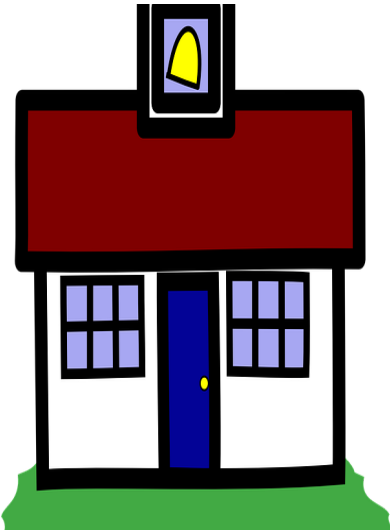


# Our Home & School Connection

## 2020 ARRSD Title 1 Newsletter

### *Back to School: Focus on Phonemic Awareness*



Phonemic Awareness is the first skill of early literacy development. Phonemic Awareness is simply sound awareness with spoken words. Children are exposed to oral language and spoken words/sounds from birth. The ability to recognize and manipulate sounds and their combination to form words is a critical prerequisite skill to decoding words.

Some activities you could try at home that will reinforce and strengthen your child's phonemic awareness are:

- ★ Playing rhyming games
- ★ Reading nursery rhymes, poems and stories aloud
- ★ “Tell me the first sound you hear in...”(ex: cat - /k/, apple - /a/)
- ★ I Spy with My Little Eye Something that begins with the /b/ sound?
  - Child would search for object that has that first sound (a sound scavenger hunt)
- ★ Website resources to explore:
  - Reading Rockets [Phonological and Phonemic Awareness](#)
  - [Heggerty Phonemic Awareness](#)
  - Family/Parent resource: [Stages of Phonological and Phonemic Awareness](#)

