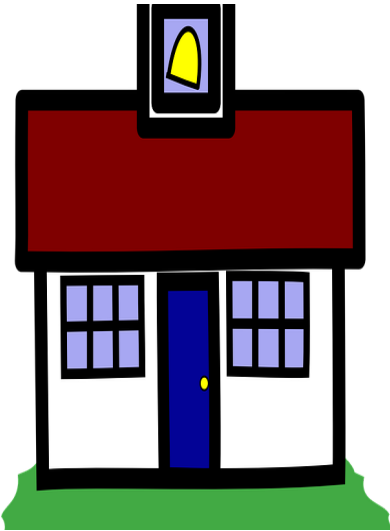


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Back to School: Focus on Phonemic Awareness



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](#)

