

Early Literacy



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What is Early Literacy?

- 1) Book appreciation (ex. Looks at books, turns pages, enjoys being read to)
- 2) Phonological awareness (ex. Understand spoken language, participate in familiar songs, understand the concept of listen)
- 3) Alphabet knowledge or print recognition (ex. Understand that letters have sounds, and that each letter has its own visual graphic)

Print concepts/Identifying letter-sound relationships (ex.

5) • Early writing (ex. Hold crayon, scribble, trace)

Recognize numbers, letters, signs/logos)

Why is Early Literacy Important? Foundation of a child's learning process The brain undergoes its most dramatic growth during

the early years of life

&Tabors, 2001)

- Literacy fills the child's brain with words, sounds, and emotions that help brain cells make connections and grow stronger (First 5 California)
- Quality and quantity of early literacy experiences are reliable predictors of reading success (Dickenson



Supporting ELL students and students with special needs

- •Mitchell Early Childhood Development Center
- •Vita Jones, Ph.D. California State University Fullerton 1/29/2021

Encourage all Communication

- As parents use every attempt to communicate with your child, always use your native language
- ► The stronger the child is in their native language the stronger they will be in English
- ► Celebrate learning two languages, highlight people who embrace and use both

Music

- Music is central to literacy development
- ► Movement in music enhances literacy
- ► Use children's favorite songs in the car
- ► Use music as transitions in the home (bedtime, bath time, meals)
- ► Rhyming songs enhance literacy

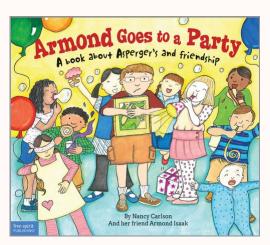
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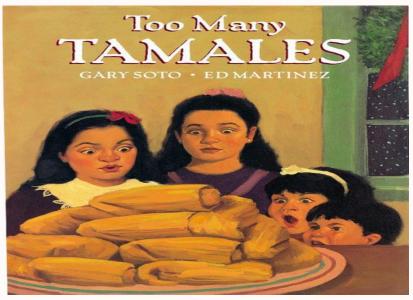
- Invite your child to choose a book they are interested in
- ▶ Reread stories that students like over and over
- Create a ritual of reading (bedtime, bath time or after a meal)
- ► Use pictures of your child and create your own stories
- ▶ Your child is intrigued with the human voice

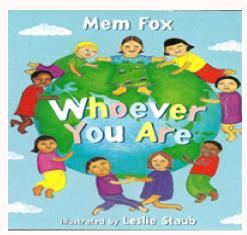
Use Your Words

- ► Talk when dressing your child about what you are doing for example, "I'm putting on your purple shirt"
- ► Create characters with your voice-high pitch, low pitch, deep pitch long drawn-out words
- ► Have your child give directions to someone else
- ► Explore the outdoors and introduce new words with new items students notice
- ► Introduce new words and expand the child's language

Use Stories Students Can Relate to







Environmental Print



Add your own words to books!

- ► Create an experience for the child
- ► Add the words of the text later
- ► Build a habit of reading for enjoyment
- ► Make reading a pleasurable, bonding experience
- ► Let the child read to you

Supporting Students with Disabilities

- Expose students to literacy early and often
- ► Implore patience
- ► Reward all efforts
- ► Explore all types of modalities
- ► Reteach

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Literacy Engagement

- Caregivers can explore literacy activities with their child
 - Modeling reading a story, exploring the parts of the book
 (front cover, spine, and back cover)
 - Allowing time for self-exploration of books (options)
 - Following word print with finger
 - Providing access to age appropriate books in the home
- Creating a literacy filled environment
 - Letters exposure(magentics, felt, etc)
 - Tactile experiences



First 5 Years of Life

- Talk, sing, read, and play with your child
- These stages of life are a critical growth period for future learning and future success (First 5 California)
- Make it fun and engaging!



Free Online Resources for Parents

Links:

https://www.first5california.com/en-us/search/?tupes=Book

https://nycdoe.libguides.com/COVID-19ebooks/free

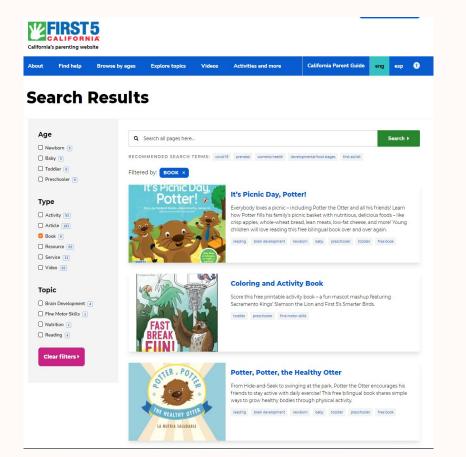
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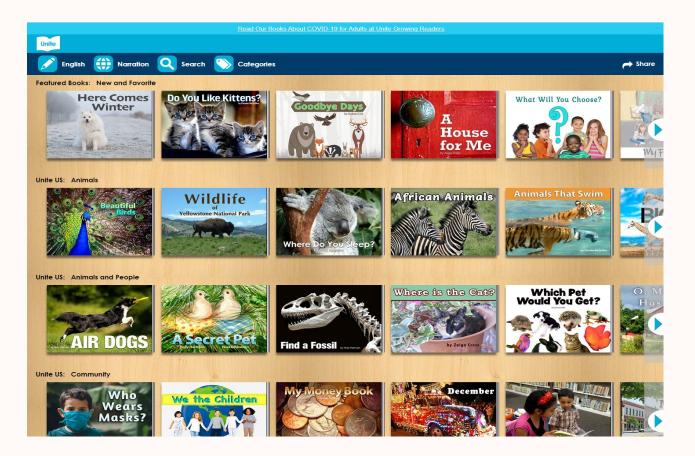


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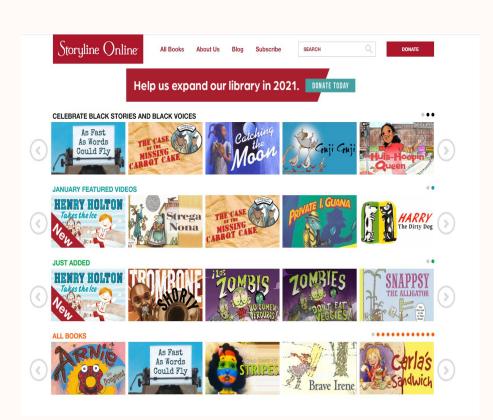
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Regional Center

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Website: https://www.rcocdd.com/

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