

Phonemic Awareness



Phonemic Awareness is the student's ability to hear and manipulate sounds. At this time, the students are not working with letters in print; students are just working auditorally and orally with sounds.

Examples:

- Blending: What word am I trying to say: ffffffff-aaaaaaaa-nnnnnnnnnn
- Segmenting: What is the first sound in **fan**? What is the last sound in **fan**? Tell me the sounds you hear in the word **fan**.

Phonemic Awareness Reading Intervention Curriculum:

- Road to the Code
- Michael Heggerty's Phonemic Awareness

When your child is ready to practice recognition of the alphabet letters, try these activities:

1. Create a personalized alphabet book. Draw pictures or take photos of your child's favorite things on each page.
2. Play I-SPY while driving in the car. For example, I spy a bright red K in K-Mart. I spy a yellow M in McDonalds.
3. Use the newspaper and invite your child to circle specified letters.
4. Check out ABC books from the library. Some great titles are:
5. Old Black Fly by Jim Ayelsworth
6. Alligators All Around by Maurice Sendak
7. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
8. Dr. Seuss' ABC's