

# The 6 Skills of Early Literacy

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## Print Motivation

An interest in books and a desire to read and learn



## Vocabulary

Knowing the words to name and describe things in detail



## Phonological Awareness

The ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words

## What does a child need to be ready to learn to read?

## Print Awareness

Noticing letters and words, knowing how to handle a book and follow text on a page



## Letter Knowledge

Knowing the shapes, names, and sounds of each letter, recognizing them everywhere



## Narrative Skills

The ability to describe events and tell stories with a beginning, middle, and end

