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

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

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

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

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