

*Individualized Program *Dates: once/week for 6 consecutive weeks.*



Give Your Child A Jump Start for Kindergarten

Boost Your Child's Phonological Awareness Skills This Summer 6 week summer session

The Five Pillars of Reading Instruction were determined by the National Reading Panel (NRP) after a two-year study of all the scientifically based reading research. The NRP reviewed hundreds of pieces of research and determined the following to be the key components of quality reading programs:

1. Phonemic Awareness (the oral manipulation of sounds, syllables, rhymes, words, and sentences)
2. Phonics and Concepts about Print
3. Fluency
4. Vocabulary
5. Comprehension.

All components need to be strong in order for solid reading skills to develop.

Phonological and phonemic awareness help children become prepared to learn how letters and sounds go together into words. Through phonological awareness, children learn to associate sounds with symbols and create links to word recognition and decoding skills necessary for reading.

Why are Phonological Awareness skills important? * Prepare! * Prevent!

- Lead to reading success
- Prevent reading deficits
- Lead to success with spelling
- Help children become aware of sounds in their language

According to Gillon (2004), "*Phoneme awareness performance is a strong predictor of long-term reading and spelling success and can predict literacy performance more accurately than variables such as intelligence, vocabulary knowledge, and socioeconomic status*". *Poor phonological awareness is strongly associated with reading difficulties (Gillon and Dodd, 1994).*

Why is it important to start early?

*"Children who get off to a good start in early reading rarely fall behind (Reutzel and Cooter, 2008)."
Starting early, we can make a huge difference!*



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