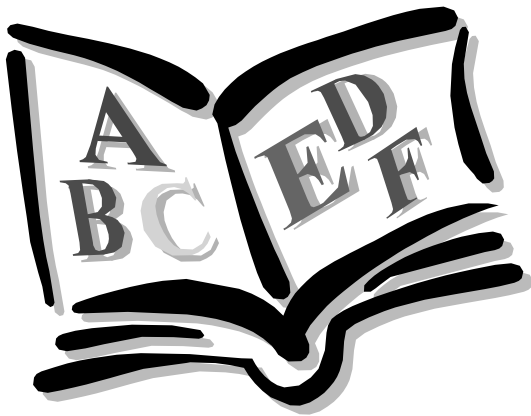


Granite School District Preschool Reading/Writing Activities

Research shows that parent involvement is crucial to student success. This brochure provides an overview of activities that will be helpful in preparing your child to:

- develop skills to become a successful reader
- have a successful Granite District kindergarten experience



If you have any questions about these activities, please contact the Granite District Early Childhood Specialist, 646-4521.

Print Awareness and Listening Comprehension

Print awareness is understanding how “print” works:

- books are read front to back;
- words on a page are read left to right.

Preschool children should experience various kinds of printed material and understand that each tells a story. Shared reading experiences encourage listening comprehension and oral language development.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME

***Use a variety of materials
with your child***



- ✓ Storybooks/picture books
- ✓ Poetry
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Daily mail and product labels
- ✓ Informational books

Read aloud to your child daily and discuss stories

- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Re-read stories often
- ✓ Encourage your child to retell the story

Visit the library often

- ✓ Check out books
- ✓ Attend story hour

Develop a home library

- ✓ Book lists available at your local library

Awareness of Sounds in Words

“Phonemic awareness” is a term that you may hear when your child begins school. Phonemic Awareness is the ability for a child to hear the sounds of the alphabet in our speech. Rhyming activities are very good for helping children develop the skill of listening for sounds as we speak..

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME

Teach your preschooler nursery rhymes



- ✓ “Little Miss Muffet,” “Hey Diddle Diddle,” “Humpty Dumpty,” etc.
- ✓ Draw attention to the rhyming words (for example: muffet, tuffet).
- ✓ Have your child act out the nursery rhyme.

Read simple rhyming books to your child

- ✓ “Hop on Pop,” “Green Eggs and Ham,” and other short rhyming books by Dr. Seuss
- ✓ Find easy rhyming books in the Easy to Read section in the public library.

Help your child create nursery rhymes

- ✓ You might begin by asking, “What rhymes with *sat*?”
- ✓ Choose pictures from a magazine or newspaper and ask your child to think of words that rhyme with the picture. Have your child draw the rhyming pictures.