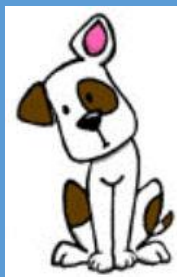


What is phonemic awareness?

Before children learn how to read print they need to understand how the sounds in words work. Phonemes are the smallest parts of sound in a word. When a phoneme is changed the meaning of the word changes. Example: Changing the first phoneme in the word *dog* from /d/ to /l/ changes the word from dog to log.



How can parents help?

Do fun, but short, activities that will help your child develop sound skills.

*Help your child think of words that begin with the same beginning sound.

*Make up silly sentences that start with the same letter "Nobody was nice to Ned's neighbor".

*Play simple rhyming or blending games with your child. (go-no, cow-now, hat-cat)



Phonemic Awareness



Websites

PBS Kids Island

<http://pbskids.org/island/preview/games-phonemicawareness.html>

Starfall

<http://www.starfall.com/>

Phoneme Pop

http://www.ictgames.com/phonemeFlop_v4.html

Clifford's Sound Match

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/clifford1/flash/phonics/index.htm>

Apps



Rhyming Words (\$0.99)

Sound Beginnings (Free)

ABC Phonics Rhyming Bee (\$2.99)

Kindersmarts (\$1.99)

Pocket Charts: Beginning Sounds (\$0.99)

Pocket Charts: Rhyming (\$0.99)

Endless Alphabet (\$6.99)

LetterSounds (Free)