



Talk 2 Me

Preschool Speech and Language ~ Early Identification ~ Intervention ~ Education

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Early Literacy Milestones

Y/N	By 18 months
	Begins to recognize familiar people and objects in pictures

Y/N	By 2 years
	Recognizes front of a book, holds right side up, turns pages
	Recognizes and understands familiar print (i.e. M for McDonalds)
	Enjoys looking at books, but attention for "text and stories" is limited

Y/N	By 3 years
	Recognizes meanings of functional labels (i.e. stop sign)
	Sings simple songs and rhymes
	Understands the function of "written" language (print gives us information)
	Begins to listen to stories
	Fills in the blanks of favourite parts to books
	Has emerging awareness of rhyme (can identify when words rhyme)

Y/N	By 4 years
	Retells parts of familiar stories using pictures
	"Reads" memorized text
	Begins to print own name
	Recognizes and names some letters
	Makes up silly rhyming words
	Has emerging awareness of alliteration (words start with the same sound)
	Separates words into syllables

Y/N	By 5 years
	Identifies all the letters of the alphabet
	Understands that text flows in a consistent direction
	Retells a story with a clear beginning, middle, and end (characters and resolution)
	Separates sentences into individual words
	Identifies words with different sounds at the beginning
	Recognizes his/her own name and some high interest words (in print)

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