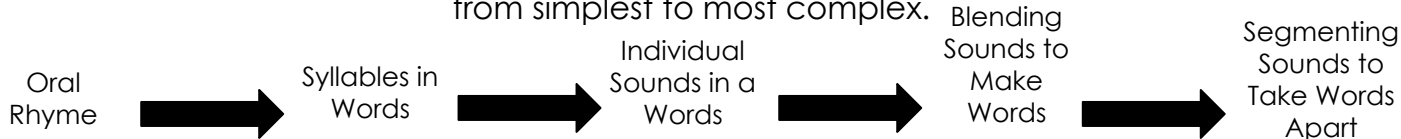


PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Phonological awareness is a broad term used for all things related to the sounds of spoken language. Phonological awareness is **entirely oral**, and forms the building blocks for later reading before print is even introduced. It is the ability to identify, think about, and manipulate sounds in spoken speech. Phonemic awareness and letter knowledge are the two best predictors of how well a child will learn to read during the first two years of school.

It can be helpful to think about moving children along a continuum of skills—
from simplest to most complex.



ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME TO STRENGTHEN PHONOLOGICAL SKILLS

Oral Rhyme	Syllables in Words	Individual Sounds in a Word	Blending Sounds to Make Words	Segmenting Sounds to Take Words Apart
<p>Singing and reading rhyming songs, poems, and books</p> <p>Nursery Rhymes</p> <p>“Do ____ and ____ rhyme?” thumbs up (yes) or thumbs down (no)</p> <p>“Can you think of a word that rhymes with the word ____?”</p> <p>Song Examples: <i>Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star</i></p> <p><i>Itsy, Bitsy Spider</i></p> <p><i>One, Two, Buckle My Shoe</i></p>	<p>Counting or clapping syllables</p> <p>Clap syllables in names</p> <p>“Whose name has the most syllables?”</p> <p>“Whose name has the least syllables?”</p> <p>“How many syllables does the word ____ have?”</p> <p>Examples: fox (1) pig (1) rabbit (2) monkey (2) butterfly (3) gorilla (3) alligator (4) elephant (4) rhinoceros (4) hippopotamus (5)</p>	<p>Play: We’re Going on a Sound Hunt</p> <p>“What is the first sound you hear in the word ____?”</p> <p>“What other words start with ____?” (hunt around the room, grocery store, outside, etc.)</p> <p>“What is the last sound you hear in the word in ____?”</p> <p>“I am going to say 3 words that begin (or end) with the same sound _ _ _ What is the first (or last) sound?”</p> <p>“What is the middle sound you hear in the word ____?”</p>	<p>Play: Can You Guess My Word?</p> <p>“I am going to say the sounds in a word: /c/ /a/ /t/. Put the sounds together and tell me what the word is?”</p> <p>Answer: cat</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>3 sounds /w/ /a/ /g/ /r/ /e/ /d/ /z/ /i/ /p/ /h/ /o/ /t/ /s/ /u/ /n/</p> <p>4 sounds /c/ /l/ /a/ /p/ /s/ /w/ /i/ /m/ /f/ /t/ /o/ /g/</p>	<p>Play: Show Me the Number</p> <p>“How many sounds do you hear in the word ____?” (child shows number of sounds on their fingers)</p> <p>“I am going to say a word pig. Tell me the sounds you hear in pig.”</p> <p>Answer: /p/ /i/ /g/</p> <p>Jump for each sound you hear in a word.</p> <p>Example Words: 2 sounds cow 3 sounds shark chick goat 4 sounds tiger snake</p>