

READINESS GAZETTE

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News You can Use

Reading is more than letters and sounds. A BIG part of reading readiness with young learners begins with how they hear spoken language. Can they hear all of the sounds? Can they manipulate or change the sounds? That's just the beginning. Then we move on to phonics (where sounds have a letter or group of letters to match) and this is where the magic happens. Blending sounds together to make words and working on those words we just "know" helps your little reader take off on their journey. Our school staff is dedicated to maximizing your child's potential in every single way, but we absolutely need your help. Mastering those sounds and then being able to identify the letters that match are necessary skills for successful readers. The sound/print connection is like a puzzle we are just starting to put together. In addition, sight words are an important part of our instruction, and working just a few minutes at home each day helps us help your child become a reader. We are READY to welcome your family to our school. Our teachers are prepared and ready to offer the safest, most engaging, appropriate instruction for your little one. Thank you for sharing them with us. We can't wait to watch them grow and learn.

Did you know?

Reading can reduce stress levels by 68%. One study in 2009 showed that just 6 minutes of reading can calm the mind, relax the body, reduce heart rates, and lower blood pressure. The next time you feel stressed out, grab a book and get lost in your thoughts!

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Just a few Reminders

Reading begins with listening and hearing. Spend a few minutes a day just talking to your children. There are some ideas below.

Say a sentence (That is big.) and have your child count the number of words they hear in the sentence (3). Do this a couple of times a day.

Say 2 words (cat, hat). Ask your student if those words are rhyming words. Can they give you another word that rhymes?

Say a word (sink). Can your child break it up into parts? (s – ink)? Can your child put the words together? (s-ink – sink)?

When you are out and about, play "I Spy" with letters on signs (Maddie's Market has 9 different letters in one sign.)

Read with your child This can be reading a book together or reading at the same time. Your child needs to see YOU reading things that aren't digital or electronic. Magazines, newspapers, sales flyers, READ to & with your little one.

Quotable Quotes

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." — Walt Disney

Student Conduct Pledge

- ❖ I am responsible for my own behavior.
- ❖ I will follow our school rules.
- ❖ I will treat others as I wish to be treated.