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Chapter 1 : Sharing Books and Stories to Promote Language and Literacy

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But how can early childhood educators know if their programs are providing children with the skills they need? This article will describe some of the methods and strategies that research has proven effective in preparing young ELLs for kindergarten. Children need explicit instruction in English vocabulary, as well as opportunities to hear and speak the language throughout the day. Examples of strategies are listed below.

Language Provide explicit, systematic instruction in vocabulary. Children require multiple exposures to words in order to develop a rich understanding of their meaning and use. Teachers should make a point of introducing interesting new words for children to learn into each classroom activity

Tabors, Ensure that ELLs have ample opportunities to talk with both adults and peers and provide ongoing feedback and encouragement. English language learners need lots of opportunities to engage in social interactions with other children, but they also need support from adults as they develop the language skills they need to negotiate those interactions

Ballantyne et al. You can use the following strategies to foster social interaction: Encourage child talk by providing prompts when children need help in expressing themselves e. Use open questions, or questions that can have multiple answers, to help ELLs expand their own utterances e. Expose ELLs to rich language input. Arrange the classroom in a way that supports each type of instructional activity that will take place, and then keep changes to the physical environment to a minimum. Once ELLs learn which activities take place in various parts of the classroom e. Encourage continued L1 language development. Strong L1 skills support both language and literacy learning in English: Literacy Development for Preschool ELLs Research has shown that alphabet knowledge, phonological awareness, and print awareness are early literacy skills that contribute significantly to later reading achievement National Early Literacy Panel, English language learners can begin to develop these essential foundational skills in preschool, even before they have developed strong English language skills. Early Literacy Skills Alphabet knowledge Skills appropriate to preschool include recognizing and naming upper and lower case letters and beginning to associate letters with the sounds they make. Phonological awareness Phonological awareness refers to the ability to manipulate the sounds that make up language, independent of meaning. In preschool, children benefit from: Literacy Design instruction that focuses on all of the foundational literacy skills. Activities that promote early literacy skills in preschool include: Recognize that many literacy skills can transfer across languages. A child who has developed early literacy skills in his or her first language will find it easier to develop those same skills in English. Parents who are not proficient in English should be encouraged to help prepare their children for learning to read by using the home language to: This makes L1 text available to parents, and it lets them know that the teacher considers reading to children in the home language to be important. Accelerate English literacy development by helping ELLs make the connection between what they know in their first language and what they need to know in English. For example, if L1 has some of the same phonemes as English, start with those phonemes for rhyme or beginning sound activities because those are sounds the child is already familiar with. Children usually have the most difficulty when they encounter sounds that are present in English but do not occur in their home language. Preparing for the Future Much attention has been given to the persistent achievement gap between English language learners and their English-speaking peers. Programs that provide research-based, age-appropriate instruction in early language and literacy skills can ensure that English language learners enter school equipped with the tools they need to be successful learners in kindergarten and beyond Ballantyne et al. Young children acquiring second language vocabulary in preschool group time: Does amount, diversity, and discourse complexity of teacher talk matter? Journal of Research in Childhood Education, 22, Dual language learners in the early years: Getting ready to succeed in school. National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition. Preschool education and its lasting effects: Research and policy implications. Literacy instruction

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Chapter 2 : Early Childhood Literacy - Professional tips

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Increasingly, young children are exposed not only to printed books, but also to e-books, which they read independently or together with adults. Market share for e-book sales is rising steadily. This is true even for products targeting preschool aged children in different languages. According to this theory, young children, especially children at risk for language learning, may benefit more by studying in a way which incorporates the use of several types of media than by using only a single medium. These e-book features also make it possible for children to "read" or listen to the books independently without adult support. Therefore, the abundance of e-books available on the market today present new possibilities for learning but also new challenges for shared reading between adults and children. Problems Although many hopes have been raised with reference to the potential of e-book reading by young children, their quality as language and early literacy support is controversial. Research Context Reviews of e-book research vary in focus. Some researchers have examined the structure and components of e-books available on the market in relation to ideal parameters. Recent Research Results Research shows that many of the existing e-books are loaded with multimedia, colours, sounds, and graphics and also incorporate games in the story reading. E-books specifically created for research have been used with children from different socioeconomic status SES groups,¹⁴ children at risk for learning disabilities,¹⁶ and children of different ages; furthermore, the children have experienced the books in different contexts such as independent child reading, joint reading of children in pairs, parent-child and researcher-child reading. Multimedia features were especially helpful for children from disadvantaged families. When children must switch frequently between the story and the interactive elements such as games and hotspots, the design of the e-book interferes with story understanding and language learning. The current literature may serve as a good basis for software developers who can design e-books for the next generation, which can be both amusing and directed to language and literacy learning. Parents and educators need to exert caution when choosing an e-book for young children, and should keep in mind that in terms of interactivity and multimedia additions, "more is often less. Pioneering literacy in the digital wild west: Empowering parents and educators. Campaign for Grade-Level Reading; Television as a learning environment: A theory of synergy. Handbook of research on teaching literacy through the communicative and visual arts. The case for multi-media presentation in learning: Multimedia and literacy development: Improving achievement for young learners. The promise of multimedia stories for kindergarten children at risk. Journal of Educational Psychology. Neuman S, Dickinson DK. Handbook of early literacy research. Teale WH, Sulzby E. Literacy acquisition in early childhood: The roles of access and mediation in storybook reading. The future of literacy in a changing world. How well suited are electronic books to supporting literacy? Journal of Early Childhood Literacy. Korat O, Shamir A. Are electronic books for young children appropriate to support literacy development? A comparison across languages. Journal of Computer Assisted Learning. Investigating analytic tools for e-book design in early literacy learning. Journal of Interactive Online Learning. The Graduate College of the University of Illinois; Journal of Research in Reading. Electronic books versus adult readers: Effects on children emergent literacy as a function of social class. Journal of Computer Assistance Learning. Korat O, Segal-Drori O. E-book reading in different contexts as a literacy facilitator. Early Education and Development. Promoting emergent literacy of children at risk for learning disabilities: Do e-books make a difference? Shamir A, Korat O, eds. Direct and indirect teaching: Using for supporting vocabulary, word reading and story comprehension for young children. Journal of Educational Computing Research. Expanding the boundaries of shared book reading: Reading e-books with and without adult instruction: Effects on emergent reading. Early Child Development and Care. Can the computer replace the adult for storybook reading? A meta-analysis on the effects of multimedia stories as compared to sharing print stories with an

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Chapter 3 : 8 Strategies for Preschool ELLs' Language and Literacy Development | ColorÃ-n Colorado

Overview. The role of parent-child and teacher-child shared story telling and storybook reading is a key vehicle for supporting children's development of emergent literacy and early language skills.

Sets of both public library and school library talking points for three age ranges: The ECRR toolkit empowers public libraries to assume an essential role in supporting early literacy within a community. Some persuasive evidence to share with those who serve young children. Articles Albright, Meagan, K. A History of Best Practices in Storytimes. Arnold, Renea, and Nell Colburn. School Library Journal 53, no. Public Libraries 47, no. Young Children 62, no. Serving the Youngest Patrons of a Community. A review of recent research. Promising practices for partnering with families in the early years. Information Age Publishing, Chance, Rosemary and Laura Sheneman. Crash Course in Family Literacy Programs. Santa Barbara, Libraries Unlimited, Crago, Maureen, and Hugh Crago. Southern Illinois University Press, Diamant-Cohen, Betsy and Saroj N. The Early Literacy Kit: A Handbook and Tip Cards. Early Literacy Storytimes Your Library: Partnering with Caregivers for Success. American Library Association, Literature for Young Children: Supporting Emergent Literacy, Ages A Picture Book Primer: Understanding and Using Picture Books. Owocki, Gretchen, and Yetta M. Selecting Books to Support New Readers. Learning to Read the World: Language and Literacy in the First Three Years. Zero To Three Press, Schiller, Pamela Byrne, and Thomas Moore. Do You Know the Muffin Man?: An Essential Preschool Literacy Resource. Readymade Storytimes Suitable for the Whole Family. Storytelling in Emergent Literacy: Delmar Thomson Learning, Emergent and early literacy series.

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Chapter 4 : Early Emergent Literacy

Sharing Books and Stories to Promote Language and Literacy The role of parent-child and teacher-child shared storybook reading has been shown to be a key vehicle for supporting children's development of emergent literacy and early language skills.

As an early childhood educator, you play a crucial role in capitalizing on the window of opportunity each child has to build early literacy skills. Keep it natural and keep it fun! Use the tips and resources below to get started. Explain, Evaluate, Predict, Project and Problem-solve: Explain Talk to children about why things happen and encourage them to draw on their existing knowledge and reasoning skills to come up with explanations, as well as the reasons for their conclusions. Evaluate Encourage children to offer opinions about their own preferences and the relative merits of different objects, events and experiences. Show the children the Sports section of a newspaper and point out the different sports that are mentioned. Ask the children which sport they think is the hardest to play, and ask them to explain their reasoning. Predict Make comments and ask questions that encourage children to make plausible predictions about what will happen next. When introducing a new book, talk about the title and the illustrations on the cover, and ask the children what they think might happen in the story. Make sure to include a follow-up question like, "What makes you think that? For example, "Oh no, Little Bear, your chair is broken! How does that make you feel? Help the children to describe the problem and draw on their knowledge and experiences as they think of alternative solutions and decide on the best option. While on a walk, point out a problem and encourage the children to think of a solution. What do you think could be done to stop people from littering here? Many studies show that vocabulary is the best predictor of reading comprehension at the end of grades 2 and 3, and that vocabulary growth is directly linked to overall school achievement. Teaching Children to Think: Meeting the Demands of the 21st Century Learn more about the evolving role of early childhood educators and what governments around the world are doing to increase the focus on critical thinking. Guidebooks and other helpful tools ABC and Beyond: Building Emergent Literacy in Early Childhood Settings Gain practical, research-based strategies for using everyday conversations and activities to promote the six building blocks of literacy: Learn more Learning Language and Loving It: Online trainings Making Book Reading a Time for Interaction and Conversation Gain concrete strategies for sharing books with children in ways that promote developmentally appropriate emergent literacy skills, such as joint attention, narrative comprehension, and literal and inferential language comprehension. Learn more Make Words Sparkle for Preschoolers and Kindergarten Children Learn how to make vocabulary instruction a natural part of shared book reading and everyday conversations with children. Get tips on how to select target words, highlight and convey the meaning of new words, and provide opportunities to use and hear new words in a variety of contexts.

Chapter 5 : Early Literacy â€¢ ZERO TO THREE

Written for early childhood professionals, reading specialists, and speech-language pathologists, the book describes effective assessment and instructional approaches for fostering language learning and emergent literacy in typically developing children and those at risk for language delays.

Chapter 6 : Emergent Literacy and Language Development: Promoting Learning in Early - Google Books

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Chapter 7 : Literacy in the Classroom

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Suggesting that very young children spend every waking minute getting ready for kindergarten, this videotape for caregivers and early childhood teachers shows how to support early literacy skill development by sharing stories, relationships, and books with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in care and education settings.

Chapter 8 : Helping Young Children to Develop Emergent Literacy Skills | Paths to Literacy

Literacy begins at birth and builds on relationships and experiences that occur during infancy and early childhood. For example, introducing a child to books at an early age contributes to a later interest in reading.