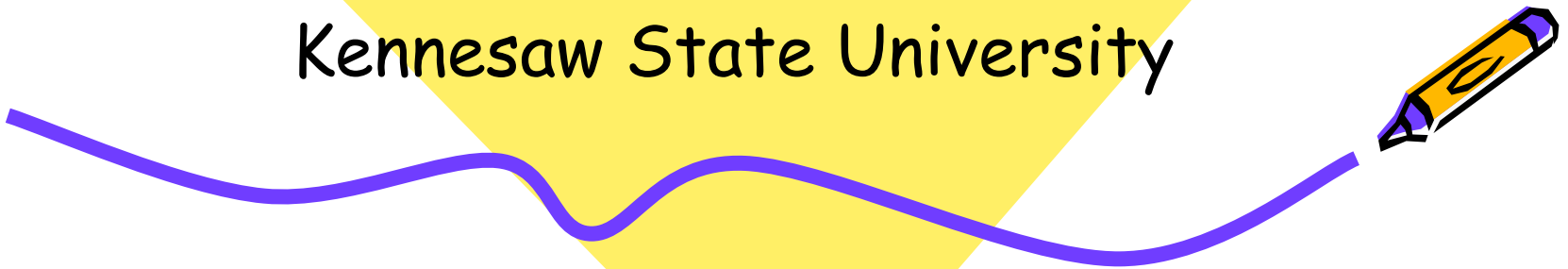


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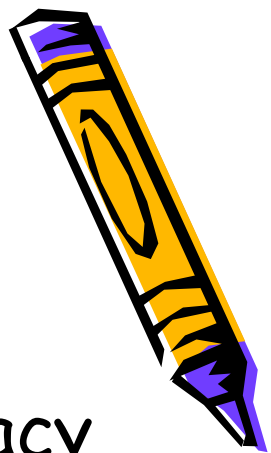
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What Do I Need to Know?



- Emergent Literacy
- Phonics
- Phonological Awareness
- Fluency
- Vocabulary Development
- Comprehension



Emergent Readers (Birth to Five Years)



- Reading signs and letters (environmental print)
- Exploring different forms of writing (scribbling, drawing, etc.)
- Listening to stories
- Listening to rhymes



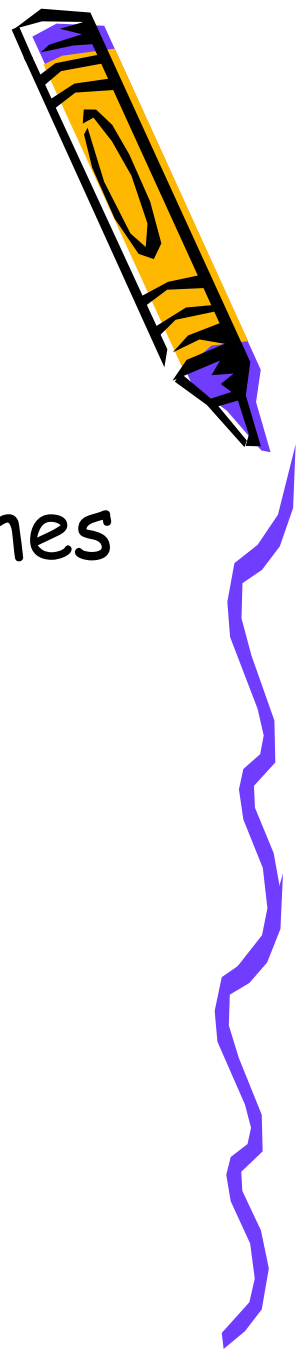
Activities to do with Emergent Readers



- Read a familiar nursery rhyme to your child. Act out the rhyme. Then read the rhyme again and let the child repeat after you.
- Read ABC and counting books to your child. Let your child participate.
- Cut letters from the newspaper and help the child name them and make words with them.



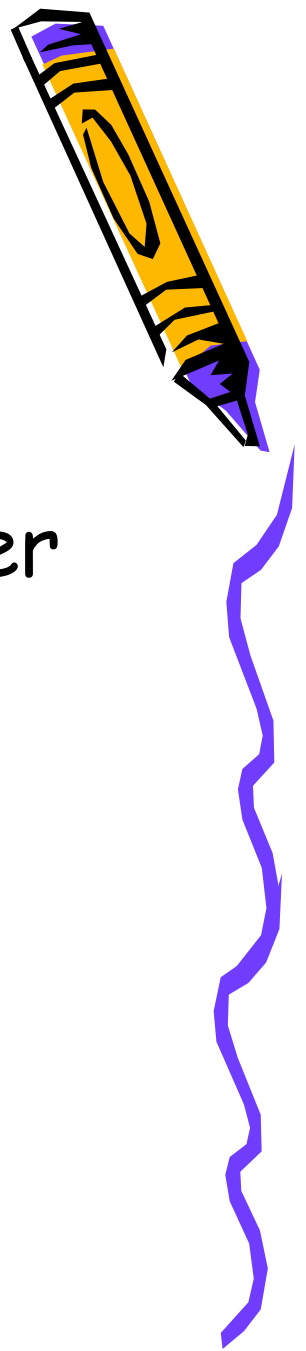
Beginning Readers (K-1)



- Grasping the alphabetic principle (associating sounds with letter names - phonics)
- Learning high frequency words
- Building a sight vocabulary
- Reading short sentences
- Reading easy books



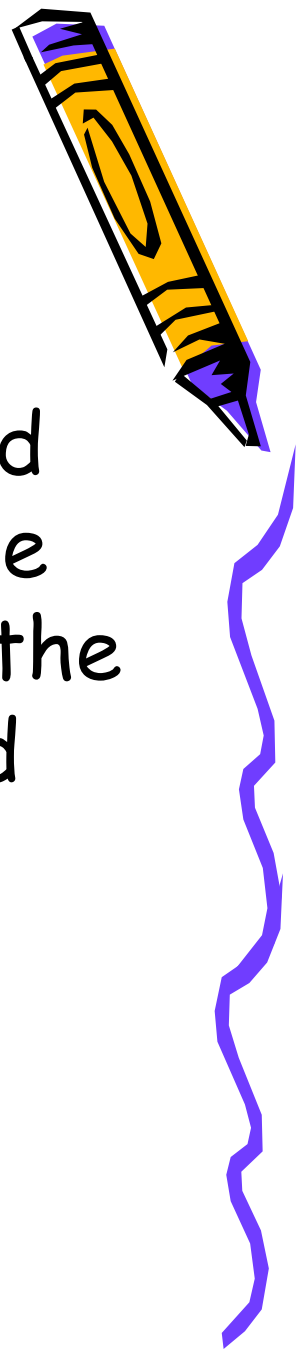
Activities to do with Beginning Readers (K-1)



- Label objects in the home.
- Use familiar objects to teach letter sounds.
- Do other activities related to the letter sound.
- Make word cards.
- Play phonics games.



Activities for Beginning Readers (cont'd)



- Read a comic strip to your child and point to each frame as you read the words. Talk about the story. Cut the comic strip apart and let your child put the frames in order and retell the story.



Activities for Beginning Readers (Cont'd)



- Help your child make a book about his or her family.
- Have the child read easy books to practice his reading skills.
- Continue to read books to your child.
- Visit the web site at <http://pbkids.org/lions/parents.html>



Growing Independence (Grades 2 and 3)



- Developing fluency
- Decoding unfamiliar words
- Reading longer selections
- Extensive reading of both fiction and nonfiction
- Adding new words to their vocabulary



Activities



- Have your child read to you daily.
- Do partner reading with your child.
- Expose your child to a wide variety of books.
- Let your child compose his own stories and poems and read them to you.
- Visit Internet Public Library at <http://www.ipl.org> or a regular public library.



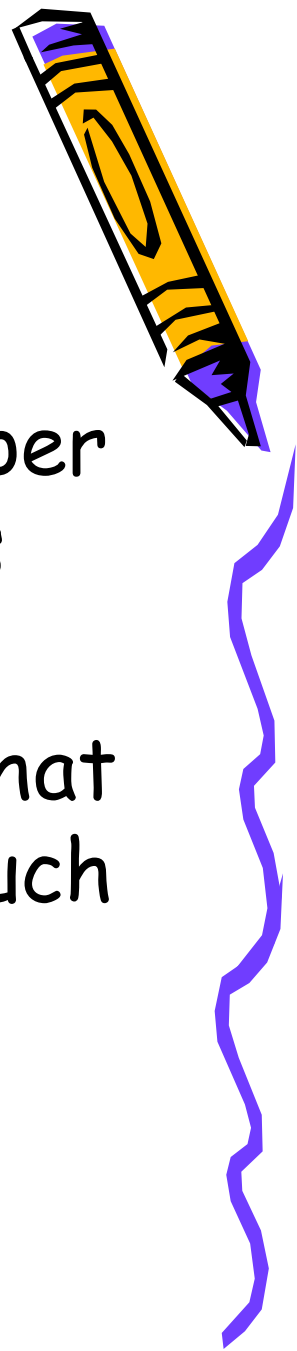
Additional Activities to Develop Fluency



- Read aloud with expression to model fluency.
- Have your child to read stories to you and take on the voice of different characters.
- Use poetry and rap.
- Have child to read to a younger sibling.



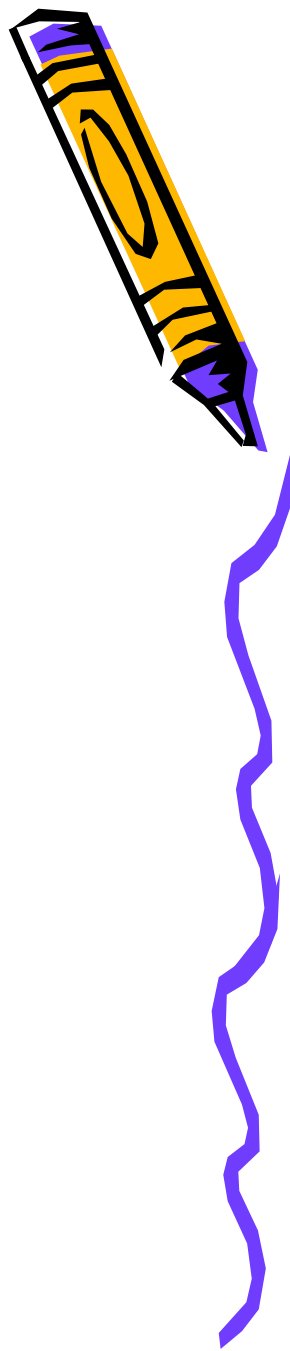
Activities to Develop Decoding Skills

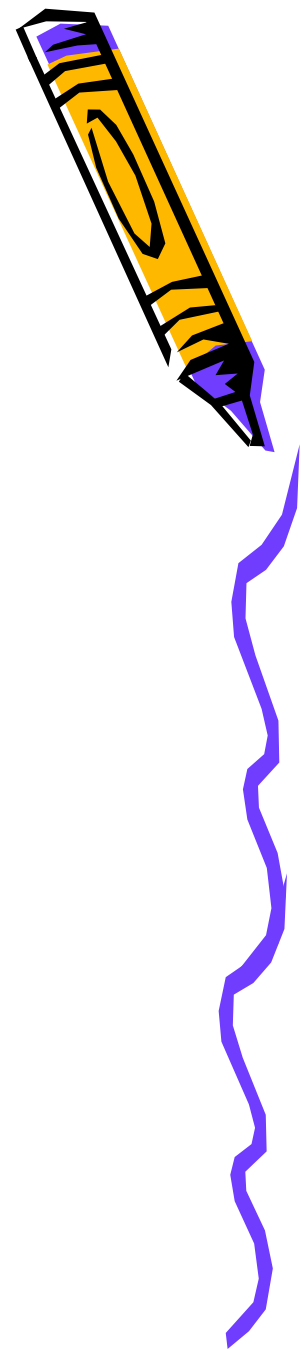


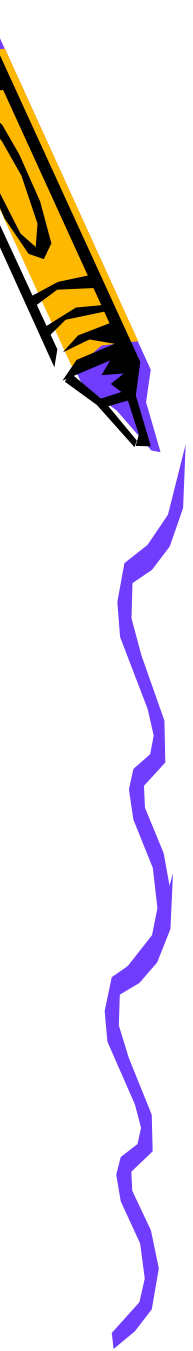
- Have your child to use the newspaper to look for compound words, words that end in -ing, -ed, and -ly.
- Look for words in the newspaper that contain certain spelling patterns such as -out, -est, -own, and -ose.



Library Activities



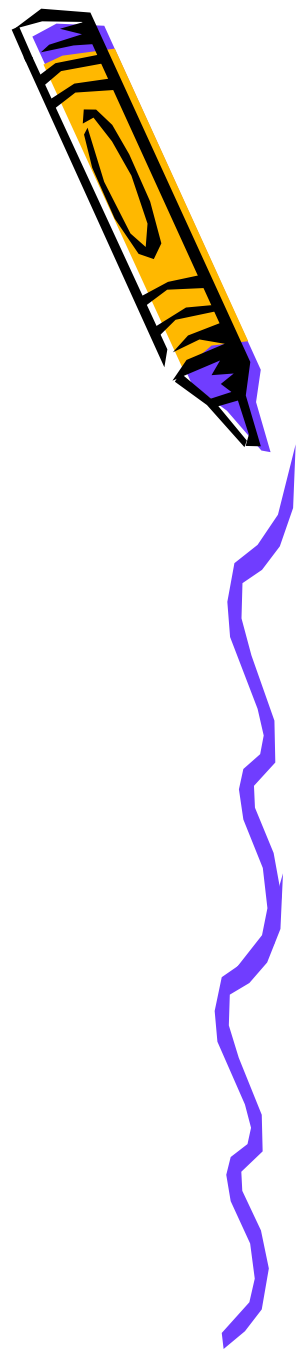








Reading to Learn (Grades 4 through 6)



- Increasing comprehension skills
- Reading longer and more complex materials
- Increasing vocabulary
- Grasping new concepts
- Following complicated directions.



Activities

- Reading chapter books
- Reading mysteries and other types of fiction.
- Reading for information
- Doing crossword puzzles
- Playing word games (e.g. Scrabble)
- Writing reports
- Going on field trips (e.g. museums, parks, festivals, historic sites, different cities)

