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## 6 Early Literacy Skills NECESSARY before a child can learn to READ

- **Print Motivation** - interested in & enjoys books
- **Phonological Awareness** - hears & plays with the sounds that make up words
  - **Vocabulary** - knows the names of things
  - **Narrative Skills** - can describe things and tell stories
  - **Print Awareness** - notices print on the page, knows how to handle a book
- **Letter Knowledge** - knows that letters are different, the same letter can look different, & that each letter has a sound

### ACTIVITIES TO BUILD THESE SKILLS:

- **Singing Songs** - develops phonological awareness & vocabulary
- **Reciting Rhymes** - even silly nonsense words develop phonological awareness & letter knowledge!
- **Sharing Picture Books** - print motivation, print awareness, & vocabulary
  - **Dialogic Reading** - promotes dialogue & conversation between the reader & the child, improves vocabulary & narrative skills
- **"Talk Time"** - have conversations with children about the book & related topics. ASK questions! ENCOURAGE children to talk & participate...



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