



Program Goals

Bridges Preschool Reading and Writing Program

Phonemic Awareness

Listens for and identify all twenty-six letters of the alphabet

Listen for and identify common consonant blends and digraphs (bl, fr, ch, tch, sn, sw, ck)

Listens for and identify the four r-controlled blends (ar, er, ir, ur, or)

Practices *oral* segmentation of the beginning, middle and end sounds

Practices rhymes, syllabication, and basic listening comprehension

Letter Sounds and Symbols

Practices letter formation through standard printing practice

Word Families and Rhymes

Recognizes common CVC word families such as: at, op, en, ug

Understands that as letters change, the sound of the words change (alphabetic principle)

Tracks and represents changes in simple syllables with two or three sounds as one sound is substituted, omitted, or added

Blends consonant letters with word endings to make new words

High Frequency Words

Identifies high frequency words required by the California State Standards for kindergarten.

Begins spelling out some of the simple one-syllable high frequency words

Literary Analysis

Distinguishes fantasy and reality

Identifies the setting, characters and main events of the story

Engages in the Box-of-Talk to and exhibits critical thinking, creative thinking and practices discussion in a whole group setting

Writing

Knows that there is a correct spelling; but, learn the concept of phonetic spelling (sounding words out).

Begin formulating complete sentences, making sure to capitalize the first word and use a period at the end of the sentence.

Use Picture Stories to brainstorm and practice pre-writing skills

Understands the paragraph structure, being able to write a topic sentence, supporting details and a concluding sentence

Has a beginning, middle and end in any type of writing

Vocabulary

Learns higher level vocabulary words through dialogue and read alouds.

Learns content words, sensory detail words, synonyms of common words such as *happy* or *sad*.

Applies study skills for weekly vocabulary and sight word quizzes

Uses new words in oral and in written expression

Learns new words in relationship to word associations