



## WHY IS EARLY LITERACY IMPORTANT?

Early literacy skills makes it easier for children to learn to read in school. Reading is an essential skill to success in school. Children who enter school with these skills have an advantage.

## What are early literacy skills?

1. Knowing the names of things.
2. Being interested in and enjoying books.
3. Noticing letters and words, knowing how to handle a book, knowing how to follow words on a page.
4. Being able to describe things and events and tell a story.
5. Knowing that letters have names and sound different from each other
6. Hearing and playing with the smaller sounds in words, like cat, bat, hat.



**Storyhour**  
and other kids  
programming

**Visit your local library for children programs which support early literacy.**