

Starting Off Right with Phonemic Awareness

*Fun Activities to Help
Prepare Your Child
for Reading*

TREASURE **BAY**
WORKSHOPS

Agenda

- Definition
- Preparing your child for reading: the seven skills of phonemic awareness
- Fun activities you can do with your child to improve each skill
- Breakout session with small groups to practice some of the activities

What Is Phonemic Awareness?

- The ability to hear, identify, and manipulate the individual sounds (phonemes) in spoken words
- The knowledge that spoken words can be broken into smaller segments of sounds (phonemes)

How Is It Taught?



● At home:

- Parents reading to their children
- Exposure to rhymes (songs, poems)
- Phonemic games



● At school:

- Teaching phonemic awareness
- Focusing on skill development in seven areas

Recommended Skills and Methods

- Discriminating
- Counting
- Rhyming
- Alliteration
- Blending
- Segmenting
- Manipulating

Discriminating

- Skill: The ability to determine if two words begin or end with the same sound
- Activities:
 - Isolate That Sound
 - I Spy!
 - I Am Thinking



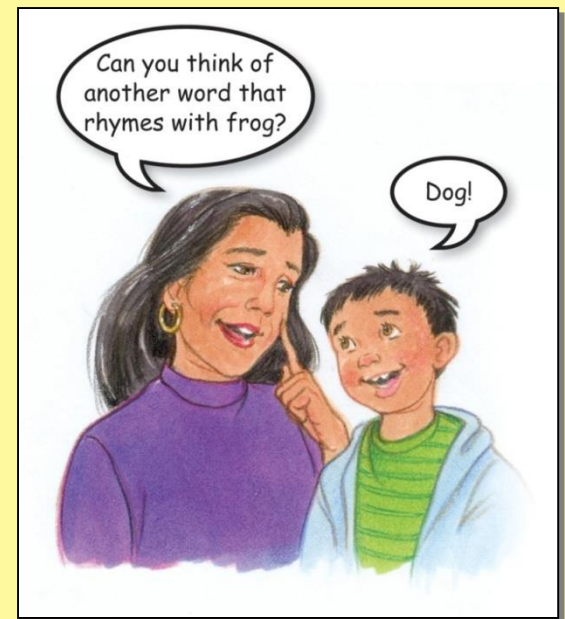
Counting

- Skill: The ability to clap the number of words in a sentence, or syllables or sounds in a word
- Activities:
 - Sentences
 - Syllables
 - Sounds



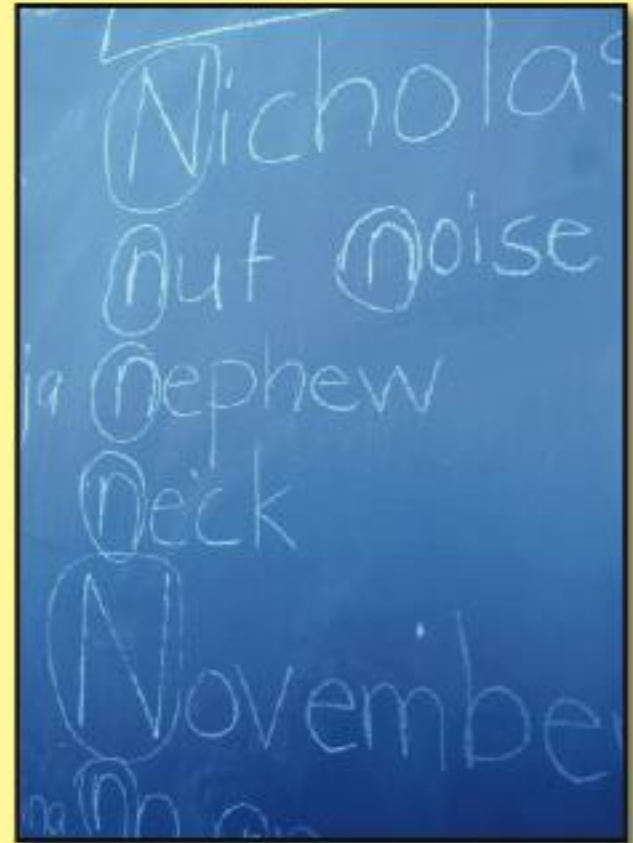
Rhyming

- Skill: The ability to create word families with rhyming words
- Activities:
 - Thumbs Up
 - Rhyming Picture Sort
 - Rhyming Oops! Wrong Rhyme
 - Rhyming Stand Up!
 - I Spy!



Alliteration

- Skill: The ability to create a list of words where two or more words have the same initial sound
- Methods:
 - Choosing two words, same sound
 - Creating tongue twisters
 - Creating silly sentences



Blending

- Skill: The ability to blend adjacent sounds together
- Activities:
 - I Spy!
 - I Am Thinking
 - Creating sentences



Practice can be
anywhere and anytime!

Segmenting

- Skill: The ability to verbally isolate the syllables or sounds in a word
- Activities:
 - First I Heard
 - Head, Waist, and Knees

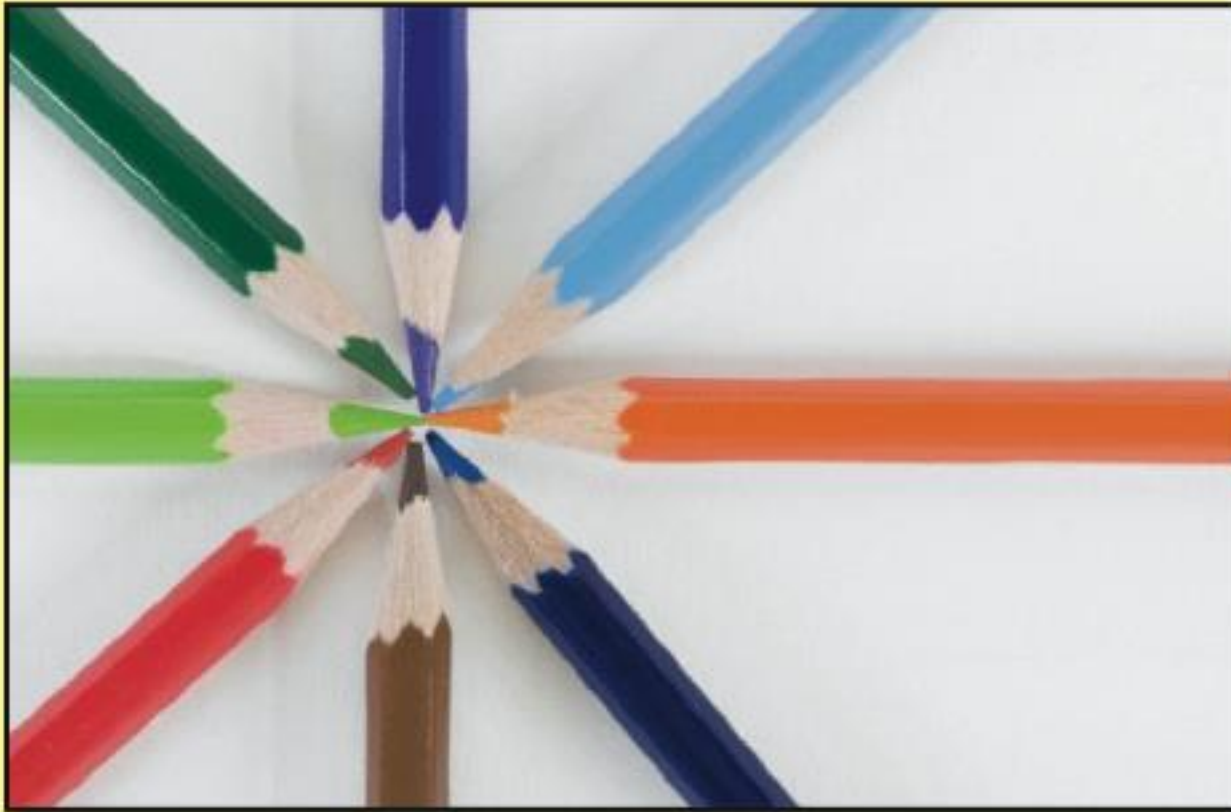
Manipulating

- Skill: The ability to change words by deleting, adding, and substituting sounds and syllables
- Activities:
 - Deleting sounds
 - Adding sounds
 - Substituting sounds

Other Recommendations

- Focus on one specific skill at a time.
- Spend twenty minutes a day.
- Repetition and practice is key.

Breakout Session



Wrap-up and Q & A

- Next steps: Apply what you've learned.
 - Choose a few skills to focus on.
 - Refer to your notes.
 - Add another skill or two later.