

## FUN with PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

**Phonological Awareness:** is the “ability to recognize and work with sounds in spoken language.”

- Phonological awareness is the foundation for learning to read.
- Some children are able to acquire it naturally but others need to be taught.

### **Why it is Important:**

- Phonological awareness is critical for learning to read any alphabetic writing system.
- Parents can help facilitate the development of phonological awareness by making language a part of the day and playing with sounds.

**Here are some fun things parents can do with their children...**

Reading nursery rhymes and letting your child fill in the blank

- (e.g. Twinkle, Twinkle little star, how I wonder what you \_\_\_\_\_”).

Singing rhyming songs

- (e.g. The Name Game - “Nora, Nora, Bo, Bora, Banana-Fanana...)

Tongue twisters / Alliteration

- (e.g. Sally Sells Seashells by the Seashore)

Rhyming during motor-based play

- (e.g. Playing hop-scotch while singing “One, two, Buckle my shoe”)

Clapping out syllables of multisyllabic words

- (e.g. Cat- (clap) - er - (clap) - pil (clap) - ar

### **Remember:**

- All children develop these skills at different rates
- Preschool children are not yet expected to have mastered these skills
- Simply have FUN! Enjoy reading, rhyming, singing, and playing with sounds with your child.