BIRTH TO 2 YEARS						
LITERACY SOCIALIZATION	PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS		PRINT KNOWLEDGE	READING	WRITING	
 Enjoys joint book reading Learns to hold book right-side up Learns to turn pages Answers questions about pictures 	Rhyme awareness emerges at 24-30 mo.	•	Learns to distinguish print from pictures	May pretend to read when others are reading	Learns to hold crayon, scribble	

2 to 5 years

LITERACY SOCIALIZATION	PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS		PRINT KNOWLEDGE	READING	WRITING
 Interested in books Learns the need to turn page to get to next part of story Learns print is stable; anyone reading a book reads the same words Recognizes familiar books, may know their titles 	 Segments sentences into words Segments words into syllables (emerges at 48-60 mo) Counts syllables (50% by age four) Recognizes/produces rhymes (ability to produce rhyme emerges at 30-36 mo) Recognizes/produces words with the same beginning sound Segments/blends words by onset/rime (s+un=sun) OR given sounds, can blend them into a word 	•	Learns alphabet song Learns to recognize and name letters Knows some letter names, can identify 10 (usually if it's in their name) Learns letters "have" sounds (i.e., grapheme- phoneme relationship awareness) Knows that print is what you read Learns clusters of letters separated by space, form words	 Learns to recognize name in print May recognize environmental print on signs and labels (reads "Stop" sign) Knows to read from front to back Learns left-right progression of print 	 Begins representational drawing Learns to write name Distinguishes drawing from writing Learns to write some letters May use invented spelling to label drawings Experiment by writing/scribbling strings of letters or numbers, or similar forms May write left to right, right to left, or up, down, and backwards

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5 to 7 years

LITERACY	PHONOLOGICAL		PRINT KNOWLEDGE	READING	WRITING	
SOCIALIZATION	AWARENESS					
 Reads picture books for pleasure, with assistance (e.g., audiotaped book) Reads picture books for pleasure, independently Knows parts of a book and their functions 	 Identifies (names) first and last letters and sounds in words Lists words that start with the same sound Counts sounds in words (50% of children by age 5) Tells which of three words have common sounds (e.g., ball, bat, pen) Tells which of three words is different (e.g., sit, sit, sat) Blends 3-4 sounds to make a word (/h/ + /ae/ + /n/ + /d/= hand) Segments words into 3-4 phonemes (hand= (/h/ + /ae/ + /n/ + /d/) Manipulates syllables (e.g., delete, substitute, reverse) Manipulates sounds in words (What's hop without the /p/? [/ha/]) Manipulates letters to make new words (can change hat to cat) 	•	Learns alphabetic principle: Words are made up of sounds; sounds can be represented by letters Learns all letter names, letter sounds for consonants Learns sounds for vowels Matches letters to sounds (grapheme-phoneme correspondence) May recognize words by sight	 Learns to decode by identifying sounds for printed letters and synthesizing sounds across letters to form words Learns some words by sight Starts to track print when listening to a familiar story May read a few short, regularly spelled words (e.g., their names or their classmates names) 	 Learns conventional spelling for some words Writes many uppercase and lowercase letters Learns to spell by using phonemic awareness and letter knowledge Makes errors based on phonetic correspondences Writes most letters and some words from dictation Writing is simpler than speech Writing begins to be more common than drawing 	

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7 to 9 years

LITERACY SOCIALIZATION	PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS	PRINT KNOWLEDGE	READING	WRITING
 Reads "chapter books" for pleasure independently May read non-fiction for pleasure, as well 	 Plays with sounds in words, as in pig latin and other secret codes Uses phonological awareness skills when spelling 	Begins to learn conventions for punctuation, capitalization, other conventions of print	 Transitions from emergent to "real" reader Recognizes more words by "sight" More phonic patterns are recognized to increase automaticity of decoding (e.g., "silent e rule") As reading becomes more automatic, more attention is focused on comprehension Reading moves toward fluency 	 Learns spelling patterns (e.g., -ight pattern words) Increases vocabulary of known spellings Makes fewer spelling errors Uses writing to send messages Begins school-sponsored writing, such as book reports Writing resembles level of complexity in speech Oral and literate styles are mixed in writing Narrative writing predominates

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HIERARCHY OF PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS SKILLS

- PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES
 - Develop listening habits Preschool-Early Kindergarten
 - Tune into print Preschool-Early Kindergarten
- RHYME AWARENESS ACTIVITIES
 - o **Identify** words that rhyme Preschool-Kindergarten
 - o **Produce** words that rhyme Preschool-Kindergarten
- PHONEME AWARENESS ACTIVITIES
 - o Identify the **beginning sound** of a word Preschool-Kindergarten
 - o Identify the ending sound of a word Preschool-Kindergarten
 - o Identify the middle sound of a word Kindergarten-First Grade
- SEGMENTING ACTIVITIES
 - O Segments sentences into words Preschool-Kindergarten
 - O Segment words into syllables Preschool-Kindergarten
 - Segment words into sounds Kindergarten-First Grade
- BLENDING ACTIVITIES
 - O Blend syllables into words Kindergarten-First Grade
 - O Blend sounds into words Kindergarten-First Grade
- MANIPULATION ACTIVITIES
 - Delete syllables from words First Grade
 - Substitute syllables in words First Grade
 - o Delete sounds from words First Grade
 - Substitute sounds in words First Grade

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