Helpful Resources:
Key Literacy Terms And Suggested Books

Supporting parent and caregiver involvement in early literacy practices with young children from diverse backgrounds and abilities

Print Motivation involves being interested and enjoying books. Books that encourage print motivation:
- Cha-cha Chimps by Julia Durango
- Tiger Can’t Sleep by S.J. Fore
- Is Your Mama a Llama?/¿Tu mamá es una llama? by Deborah Guarino
- Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
- Henry and Amy (Right-Way-Round and Upside Down) by Stephen Michael King
- Dig by Andrea Zimmerman
- A Pocket for Corduroy by Don Freeman
- Jamaica Tag-Along by Juanita Havill

Phonological Awareness is being able to hear and play with the sounds that make up words. Books that encourage phonological awareness:
- Rub-a-Dub Sub by Linda Ashman
- Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs by Alan Katz
- Punk Farm by Jarrett Krosoczka
- Ook the Book and Other Silly Rhymes by Lissa Rovetch
- Tanka Tanka Skunk! by Steve Webb
- Chickens Aren’t The Only Ones by Ruth Heller
- Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You? by Dr. Seuss
- Arroz Con Leche: Popular Songs and Rhymes from Latin America selected and illustrated by Lulu Delacre

Vocabulary consists of the number of words that your child uses and understands. Books that encourage vocabulary development:
- Is it Dark? Is it Light? by Mary Lankford
- Bug in a Rug: Reading Fun for Just-beginners by Joanna Cole
- What’s the Magic Word? by Kelly DiPucchio
- Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert
- George Upside Down by Meghan McCarthy
- How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food? by Jane Yolen
- My Favorite Word Book: Words and Pictures for the Very Young by Selina Young
- My Colors/Mis Colores by Neil Ricklen
- The Day Jimmy’s Boa Ate the Wash by Trinka Hakes Noble
- A Chair for My Mother by Vera Williams

Narrative Skills describe your child’s ability to describe events and tell stories. Books that encourage narrative skills:
- Victor Vito and Freddie Vasco, Two Polar Bears on a Mission to Save the Klondike Café! by Laurie Berkner
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Erick Carle
- Bob by Tracey Campbell Pearson
- Slithery Jake by Rose-Marie Provencher
- Thelonius Monster’s Sky-High Fly Pie by Judy Sierra
- Imogene’s Antlers by David Small
- The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Print Awareness is the understanding that print has meaning and knowing how to hold and handle a book. Books that encourage print awareness:
- Dora’s Book of Words/Libro de Palabras de Dora by Phoebe Beinstein
- Diary of a Spider by Doreen Cronin
- Mouse’s Hide and Seek Words: A Phonics Reader by Kathryn Heling
- Bud by Kevin O’Malley
- Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens

Letter Knowledge is the ability to name letters and their sounds. Books that encourage letter knowledge:
- Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert
- The Butterfly Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta
- Old Black Fly by Jim Aylesworth
- Fed Up: A Feast of Frazzled Foods by Rex Barron
- The Alphabet Keeper by Mary Murphy
- Alpabeep: A Zipping, Zooming ABC by Deborah Pearson
- Tomorrow’s Alphabet by George Shannon
- Picture a Letter by Brad Sneed