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Rhyme time

Phonological awareness skills are the building blocks of literacy. There is some evidence that suggests that the more nursery rhymes a child knows in their early years, the better they do with literacy. So this holiday season, sing those nursery rhymes, tap those syllables and let's put some good foundations in our children wherever we spend time with them, from the car to the classroom, 2 minutes here or there is going to help!

I Spy with Syllables

To play this game, look around the room and choose an object (example: a table), and separate out the syllables. For example, with the "table" example, you'd say, "I spy with my little eye: a ta....ble." Students have to say the complete word (table).

Stomp My Sentence

To play this game, make up a sentence and say it aloud as children listen. Then, they should stand up and repeat the exact same sentence. Each time they hear a word, they stomp one foot. (This helps develop concept of word.)

Mystery Word, Mystery Category

First, choose a category (i.e. "fruit"). Don't tell the child the category. Begin giving them various words within the category to blend. For example:

/p/ /l/ /u/ /m/ (students repeat those sounds after you say them and then say the entire "mystery word," plum)

/g/ /r/ /a/ /p/ (students repeat those sounds after you say them and then say the entire "mystery word," grape)

After you do 4-6 words in the category, have children try to guess what the "mystery category" is.

Karate Chop It

For this game that requires space between participants. Show them how to safely karate chop the air. Then, give them one word at a time to segment (for each sound, they karate chop it). Example: you say "hat," they repeat "hat," and then they say /h/ (chop) /a/ (chop) /t/ (chop)

[Phonological and Phonemic Awareness Activities \(Reading Rockets\)](#)

This is a great website where you can find LOTS of information, resources, activities, etc. that can help you with Amelia!

[50 fun Phonological Activities](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the team – details below.

Wishing you the very best this winter - stay warm and safe and we will be back in January 2025 with our next newsletter. Any topic requests, please do get in touch.

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