

Developing Literacy Centers

Chapter 7



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Early literacy skills lay the foundation for current and later success in oral and written language.

Did you know?

Literacy skills at the end of the preschool years are predictive of later reading and academic success

(Farran, Aydogan, Kang, & Lipsey, 2006).

Oral language development

- Around 18 months, children learn their first 50 words (Berger, 2006).
- After learning approximately 50 words, children go through a naming explosion gaining 50-100 new words per month (Berger, 2006).
- By 60 months most children understand between 5,000 and 20,000 words and have an average sentence length of six or more words (CDC, 2007).