

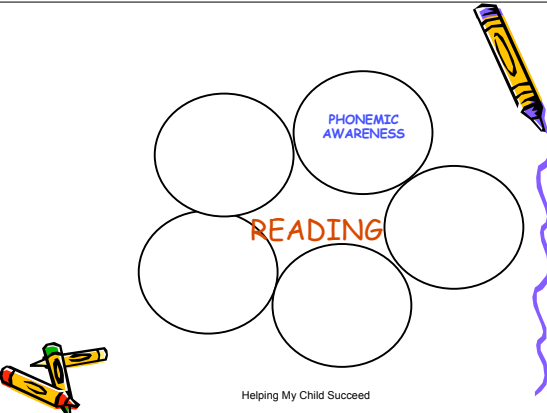
**Helping My Child Succeed!**  
 Suggestions for parents to do at home to build academic and study skills with their child(ren)

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What can I do as a parent to help my child learn?

- **Read, read, read** to and with your child (Reading Across Broward/Book It)
- Use **different types of text**--newspapers, fiction books, brochures
- Ask your child **higher level questions** and ask them to support their answer from the text

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PHONEMIC AWARENESS

READING

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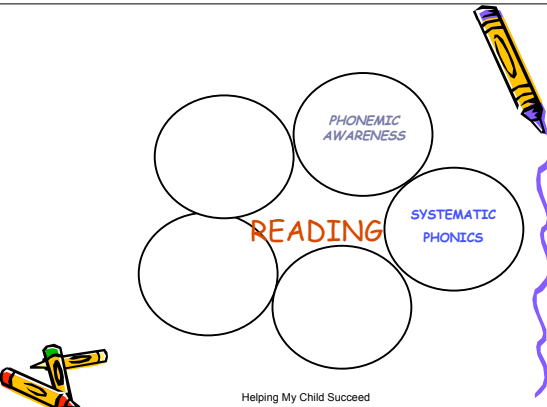
**Phonemic Awareness**

- Ability to notice, think about, and work with the individual sounds in **spoken** words. Understanding that words are made up of speech sounds or "phonemes".
- 41 Phonemes in English language

At home:

- Practice the sounds of language--**read books with rhymes; play simple word games** (*How many words can you make up that sound like bat?*)

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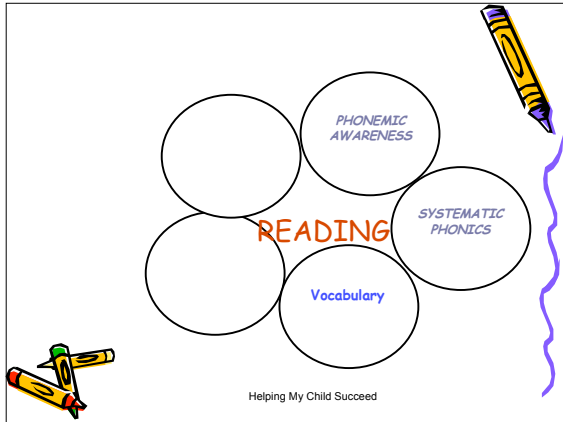
**PHONICS**

- Phonics is the understanding that there is a predictable **relationship** between the **sounds** of the spoken language and the **written** language. In other words, how sounds and letters are related.

**AT HOME...**

- Point out letter-sound relationships on labels, newspapers, etc.
- Listen to your child read words and books from school--show them you are proud!!

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## VOCABULARY

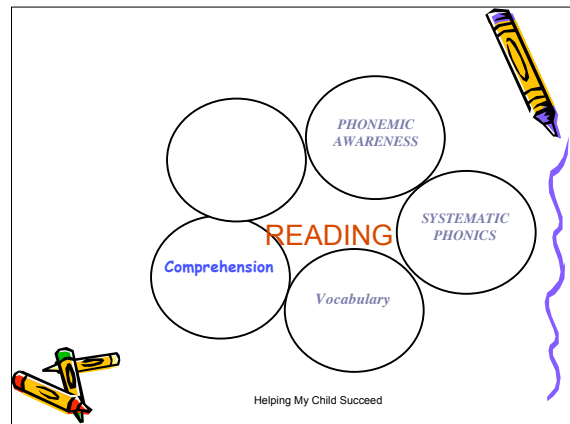
- Refers to the words we must know to communicate effectively.
- Children learn the meanings of most words **indirectly**, through everyday experiences with oral and written language!
- Although a great deal of vocabulary is learned indirectly, some vocabulary should be directly taught.
- Readers must know what most of the words mean before they can understand what they are reading

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## To build vocabulary...

- Talk with them constantly--when driving, shopping, etc.
- Help them use dictionaries, thesauruses
- When reading to or with them, call attention to the way the author choose words to convey particular meaning.

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## COMPREHENSION

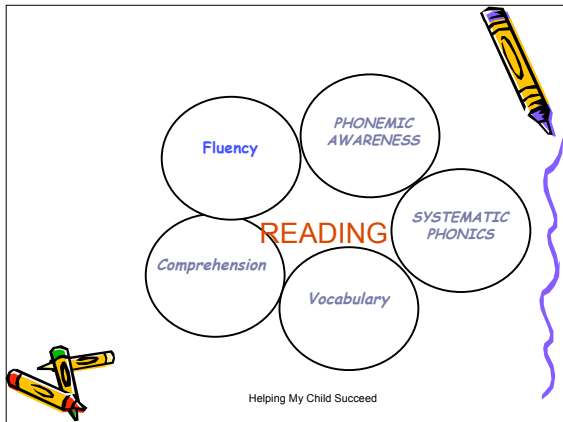
- Comprehension is the reason for reading!
- Good readers have a purpose for reading...to find out information, for entertainment
- Good readers think actively as they read.
- Comprehension strategies are conscious plans--a set of steps that good readers use to make sense of the text.

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## At home...

- Talk with your child about he/she is reading. Ask about new words. Talk about what happened in the story. Ask about the characters, places, and events that took place. Ask what new information he/she has learned.
- Encourage your child to read on their own!!

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## Fluency

- Fluency is the ability to read text accurately and quickly.
- Fluency is important because it provides a bridge between word recognition and comprehension.
- More fluent readers do not have to concentrate on figuring out or "decoding" words. They can focus their attention on what the text means.
- Less fluent readers must focus their attention on figuring out the words, leaving little attention for understanding the text.

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## At home...

- Repeated and monitored oral reading improves reading fluency
- Model reading to your child--read to him/her! Then have your child reread the text.

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## Mathematics

### You can...

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- Involve your child in real life problem solving situations
  - How many hot dogs should we bring to the picnic?
  - How many apples do I need to bake three pies?
  - When buying carpet, involve them in figuring out the area?
  - When deciding what dinner to cook, have them survey family members?
  - When they want to persuade you, ask them to give you three reasons why and to elaborate!

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## For Science



### You can...

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- Understand **what is expected** of your child at each grade level in science
  - Build **science vocabulary**
  - Visit the **science museums**
  - **Talk** about the science concepts being taught in school



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## Programs available:



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- FCAT EXPLORER--4 AND 5 GRADES ([www.fcatexplorer.com](http://www.fcatexplorer.com))
  - SUNSHINE MATH
  - ACTIVITIES IN THE NEWSLETTER

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## Remember the Simple Things

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- **Share conversations** with your child over meal times and driving times
  - **Read together EVERYDAY!**
  - Be your child's best advocate--**keep informed** about your child's progress--**attend conferences**, report card nights, etc. **Ask** their teacher **how you can help**.
  - Be a **reader and writer yourself!** Spend time reading books and magazines, writing in a journal, etc.
  - **Visit the library often!**

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Building academic and study skills now, will help your child succeed in life!!

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