8 Strategies for Teaching Budding Readers

Teach Explicitly During Story Time

Stop and teach vocabulary words by:

- 1. Giving a child-friendly definition
- 2. Using examples from the story
- 3. Making connections with children's life experiences

Expand & Enhance Instruction

Increase the amount and intensity of literacy instruction by:

- 4. Using large groups, small groups, and one-on-one instruction
- 5. Providing more examples and feedback during instruction time
- 6. Adding additional sessions during the day or week

Focus on Key Skills

Identify key skills for language and early literacy success by:

- 7. Teaching vocabulary words that are useful in the classroom and at home
- 8. Targeting a small set of sounds (e.g., /m/, /s/, /p/, /b/) for phonemic awareness



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