PHONEMIC AWARENESS

What is it?
PHONEMIC AWARENESS IS THE ABILITY TO HEAR AND MANIPULATE SOUNDS (PHONEMES) WITHIN WORDS.

Why is it important?
STUDENTS WITH STRONG PHONEMIC AWARENESS SKILLS HAVE A SOLID FOUNDATION TO BECOME STRONG READERS AND WRITERS.

How can I help?
- Play word games in the car
- Read rhyming books aloud
- Practice skills throughout your normal day!
  (Examples: during bath time, on walks, waiting in line at the store, any time you have an extra moment with your kiddo!)

Let's play! Flip over for word play ideas

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Before you play remember:

- Phonemic awareness games are all done audibly, no visual items needed!
- Students should be saying the letter sound not the letter name when responding! Ex: The first sound of mom is /mmm/ not the letter m
- Start off easy and only increase difficulty once your student shows mastery of the basic skills!

Let’s play!

Round One
- Clap It Out - You say September, They clap & say sep-tem-ber
- First Sound - You say mom, They say /m/
- Thumbs Up Rhymes - You say two words, They repeat the words and thumbs up if it rhymes
- Compound Words Build - You say water, melon, They say watermelon

Round Two
- Compound Words Break - You say watermelon, They say water, melon
- Count The Words - You say a short sentence, They repeat the sentence and count the words
- Clap & Count - You say marker, They clap & say mar-ker & say 2
- Make A Word - You say /h/-ot, They say hot
- Find A Rhyme - You say cat, snow, hat, They say cat & hat

Round Three
- Beginning Match - You say sun, they say a word that starts with an /s/ sound
- Ending Sound - You say red, they say /d/
- Middle Sound - You say hop, they say /o/
- Chop It Up - You say pencil, They say the sounds /p/ /e/ /n/ /c/ /i/ /l/
- Make A Rhyme - You say cat, They say mat
- Blend It - You say /s/ /m/ /ar/ /t/, They say smart