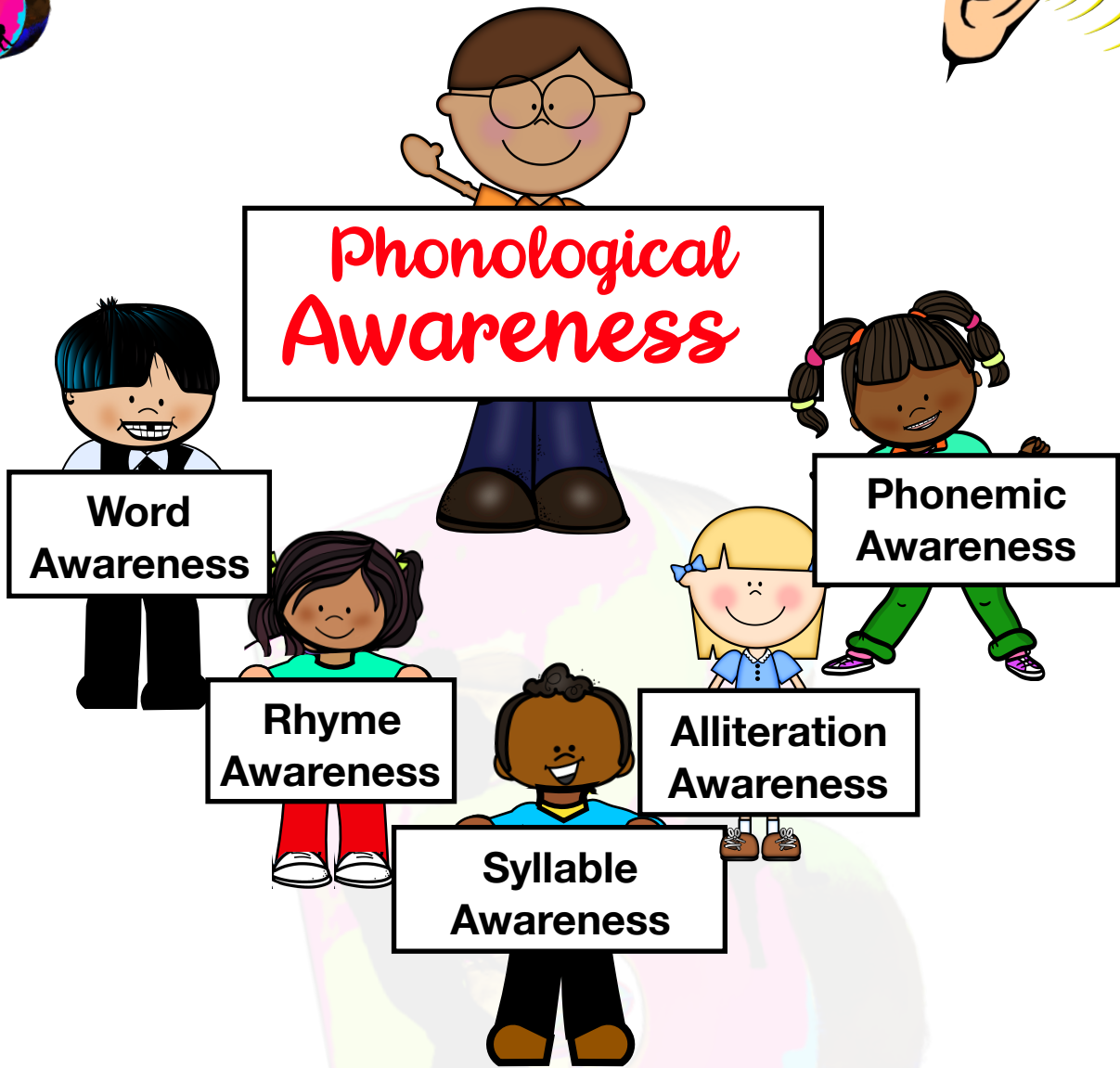




Phonological Awareness



Primary purpose: to encourage auditory skills vital to reading. When children are exposed to S.M.A.R.T. auditory activities, they hear many repetitions of same/different/similar sounds and blends in a game-like fashion. The auditory system stores that information in the language area of the brain for later use, i.e. when they learn to read.

Classroom relevance: The ability to recognize, discriminate and blend sounds and then words is crucial to reading. The child must have the ability to recognize sounds in order to later match sounds to letters. He/she must also have the ability to discriminate between similar sounds and blend sounds together in order to begin to learn to read. Children who have problems with these auditory skills cannot follow directions or fail to complete their work, impulsively blurt out answers to questions and avoid or dislike academics entirely.

IMPORTANT TIP!

**RHYME, RHYME, RHYME with your children!!
Read fairy tales
and
Dr. Seuss**

Auditory Activities

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- Listen & Repeat
- Rhyme Time
- Starts the same
- Same or Different
- Blending - Stretch a Word
- Closure - Something's Missing

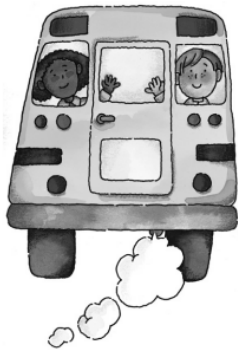


Listen and Repeat

- one, two
- three, four

Rhyme Time

- ball
- fall
- small
- wall
- call
- mall
- tall



Starts the Same

/a/ /a/ /a/
apple, ant, alligator

/b/ /b/ /b/
bail, bat, butterfly

Same or Different

“Listen, I will try to trick you with some words. Listen carefully, say the words to yourself, then decide if the two words are exactly the same word or if they are really two different words. Are these two words the same or different?”

- Hall - hall
- Home - hone
- Ball - doll

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Stretch a Word

“Listen, I’m stretching words. Listen carefully first and then answer my question.”

Lady - bug is ladybug. Lady - bug is ladybug.
What is lady - bug?

Butter - fly is butterfly. Butter - fly is butterfly.
What is butter - fly? What is lady - bug?

Play - ground is playground. Play - ground is playground.
What is play - ground? What is butter - fly?

Something's Missing

“Listen, I’m using a silly word and you will guess what I’m trying to say. Listen and wait for my question.”

Encil is pencil. Encil is pencil.
What is encil?
Yes, encil is pencil.

Ircle is circle. Ircle is circle.
What is ircle?
Yes, ircle is circle.

Ool - us is school bus.
Ool - us is school bus.
What is ool - us?
Yes, ool - us is school bus.