

## Preschool Curriculum

Targeted Area: Book/Reading Area/Story Time

Benefits/Readiness Skills: Pre-Reading/Reading Skills are targeted in books, both read-alouds, and independent reading. Books are a wonderful way to teach new concepts and lessons while enjoying lovable characters and plot. Independent reading, even if the child cannot read, can provide excellent pre-reading skills. Children are able to look at pictures and “read” the story in their own words, creating the foundations of sequence of a story, characters, and plot. The basic understanding of these elements in a story leads to improved reading comprehension. Children are able to “retell” familiar stories, demonstrating an understanding of sequence and story line. Repetitive stories allow children to predict what comes next, answer logical questions and follow along with the flow of information. Open-ended questions in reading allow children to problem solve and think logically, as well as answer on topic in a group or independently. The benefits of reading and being read to are endless...