

The Same Shoes

Letter Identification

- **Biggest indicator of child's reading development**
- **The sooner, the better**
- **What can you do?**
- **The evolution of the STOP sign**
 - **Color?**
 - **How many?**
 - **What letters do you know?**
 - **“op” words**

Letter Sounds

- **Songs:**
 - **Dr. Jean in the car and at home**
 - **Leapfrog: Talking Letter Factory**

- **Magnetic Letters**
 - **On the fridge**
 - **Leapfrog: Word Whammer**

Words

- **Sight words – see kindergarten list**
- **Scavenger hunt in books at home**
- **Environmental Print**

Natural Conversations

- **Talk about books you read to your child**
 - **Vocabulary**
 - **Connections to other texts**
 - **Feelings**
 - **Predict**

**This is the GOAL of reading –
MAKING MEANING!**

Joyful, Playful Literacy

- **No drills**
- **Love literacy in your daily lives**

Resources

- Kindergarten sight word list
 - Checklist for parents of kindergarteners
 - Big Dreams – reading with your child
 - How to get your child to be a fanatic reader
 - Concepts of print
 - Interactive Read Aloud
 - How to talk to your child about reading
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- [Kellyskindergarten.com](http://kellyskindergarten.com)
 - Starfall.com