Early Readers

These eager readers are learning the relationship between letters and sounds, between printed and spoken words, and applying the strategies to read continuous text. The early reader is able to read simple texts that contain high frequency words. They can discuss the background of the story to better understand the actions in the story and the message the story carries. It is a time when reading habits such as risk-taking, predicting, and confirming are established.

**Reading**

- Ask questions about important story elements: setting, characters, problems, events, solution
- Engage your child in word building activity to distinguish words with short and long vowel patterns (bee, see, tree/bike, hike, mice).
- Encourage your child to read with fluency by rereading familiar texts.
- Encourage your child to read different kinds of materials (e.g., chapter books, informational texts, poems, websites, newspapers, etc.)
- Read aloud to your child to build foundational skills, introduce vocabulary, provide a model of fluent, expressive reading, and help your child to recognize what reading for pleasure is all about.

**Writing**

- Engage your child in a family journal, where you and your child write about events, experiences, thoughts and opinions.
- Invite your child to write messages, grocery lists, letters, notes, and other household texts.
- Invite your child to create a narrative (story) about a memorable event or experience. Encourage them to include interesting details and temporal words (e.g., first, next, then, after that, finally) in their writing.
- Provide opportunities for your child to orally tell stories about events in his/her life.
- Encourage your child to approximate their spelling as they write. This invented spelling will support phonics and development.

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Literacy Learning Resources

www.starfall.com - Phonics practice and reading activities.

https://cobb.mackinvia.com/ - Provides students with resources that are specifically selected for their grade level.

www.timeforkids.com - Current events from all around the world

http://www.cobbsummerreading.com/ - Provides reading resources, link to the Cobb County Public Library, and reading events around Cobb.
http://www.uniteforliteracy.com/ Provides digital access to nonfiction emergent picture books that students can listen to and read.