

Should toddlers with severe disabilities read and write

Compile a literacy toolkit –

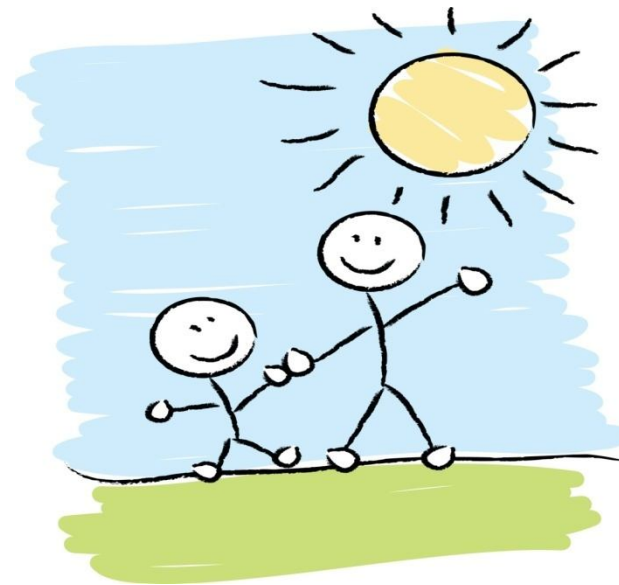
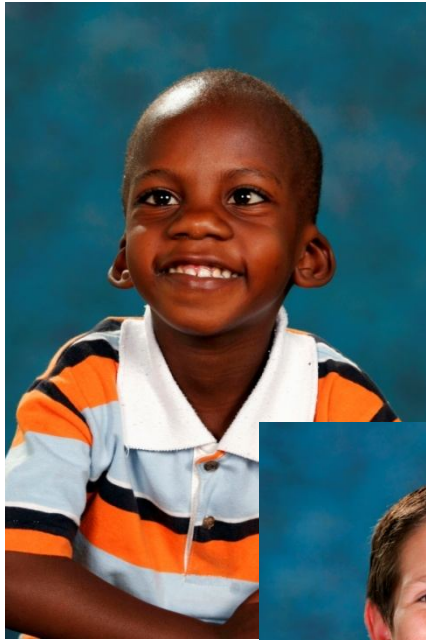


fun ideas

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Stories of Hope



Literacy in essence? What are we preparing for?

- It is a quest for meaning
- Many rich literacy experiences
- Literacy does **not** happen in a brief period of time
- Literacy advances education and improves quality life.



When are Children Ready?

- Many rich literacy experiences
- Literacy does **not** happen in a brief period of time
- Literacy advances education and improves quality life.
- Not at a specific age- reading, is a **gradual process**



When are Children Ready?

- Reading readiness? Does it mean reading out loud and independently.
- **'Know-how'** about all aspects of literacy.
(Katz, 1989)
- Abstract symbols such as Bliss at an age of 18 months



When are Children Ready?

- Montessori program starts book reading reading from 12 months
- **Much more** and earlier when children have a pre-disposition
- “Beginner” is important

RESULTS:

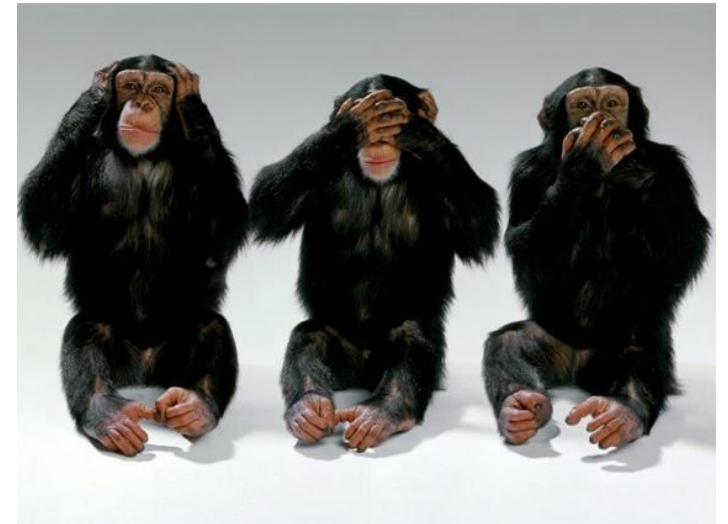
6 months



10 Literacy beliefs @Pathways:



- All things are possible!
- Pre-literacy in EVERY activity. EMERGE
- Rather too MUCH than too LITTLE
- Merge EVERY method
- NO PRE-REQUISITES
- Use ALL senses and gestures



10 Literacy beliefs @Pathways:

- USE what you've got. Don't say I don't have....
- Teach with FUN and FUNCTION
- Children learn by DOING
- We TEACH and TALK too much.



i don't know if you know this
but it is actually possible
to stop talking...



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"I thought she'd never stop talking!"

Expanding ideas

- A child needs more than 1000 hours of pre-literacy training
- Book reading
- Incidental learning
- Language rich environments
- Read a variety



10 Literacy beliefs @Pathways:

- Alternative pencils
- Songs, chants, rhymes, stories
- Scribbling and “driting”
- Group writing
- Different writing materials



A "Toolbox" for Literacy

- 91 activities
- Different surfaces
- Different writing material
- Different letters
- Different writing material
- Different writing experiences
- ABC games
- Environmental print



A literacy fun room!

- ISAAC 2006 , the “Reggio Amellio” approach
- Different areas
- 26 stations
- Choose , play, create
- Assignments



Rural communities

- Kids4 kids project
- Pack and create
- Train caregivers to understand the range of skills



A whole stimulation programme "toolboxed"



"You and your literacy programs! —
Now I'm getting lists of *demands!*"