

Equipping Literacy Assistants

What is literacy?

What is literacy?

- Reading
- Listening
- Speaking
- Writing

Reading: aloud to others



Reading: silently



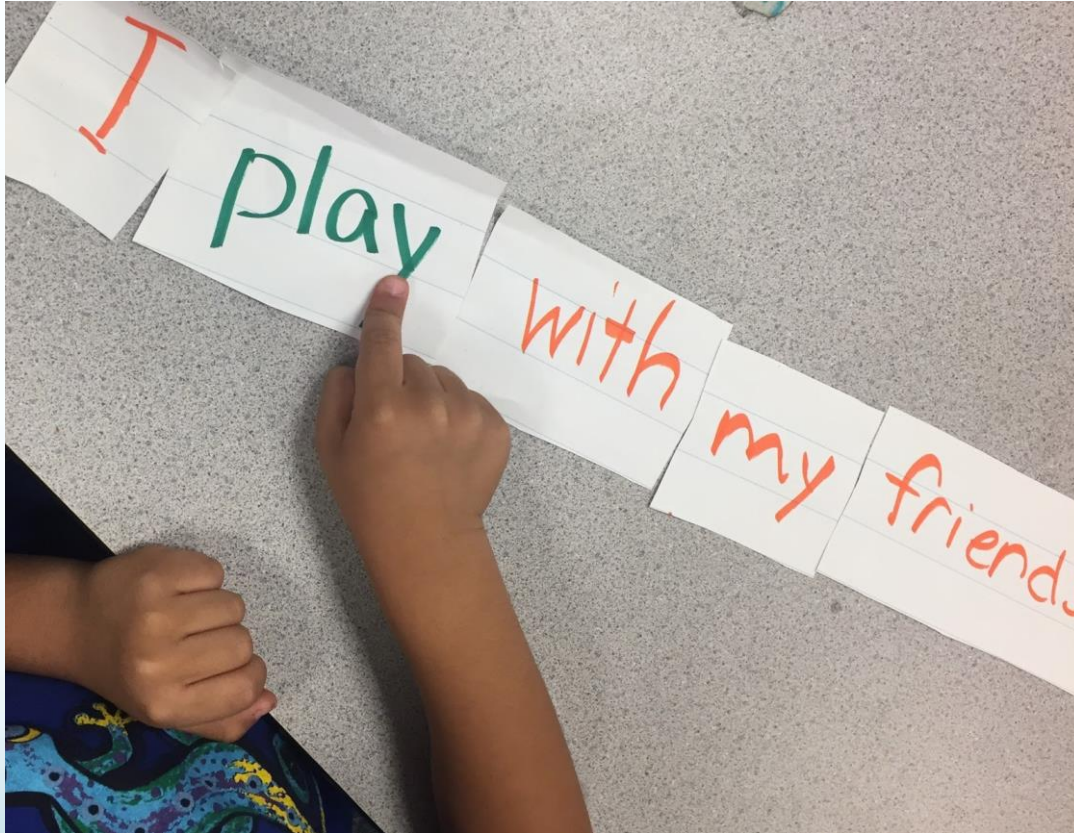
Reading on a screen: computer or mobile phone



Reading: signs



Writing: putting words together



Writing:

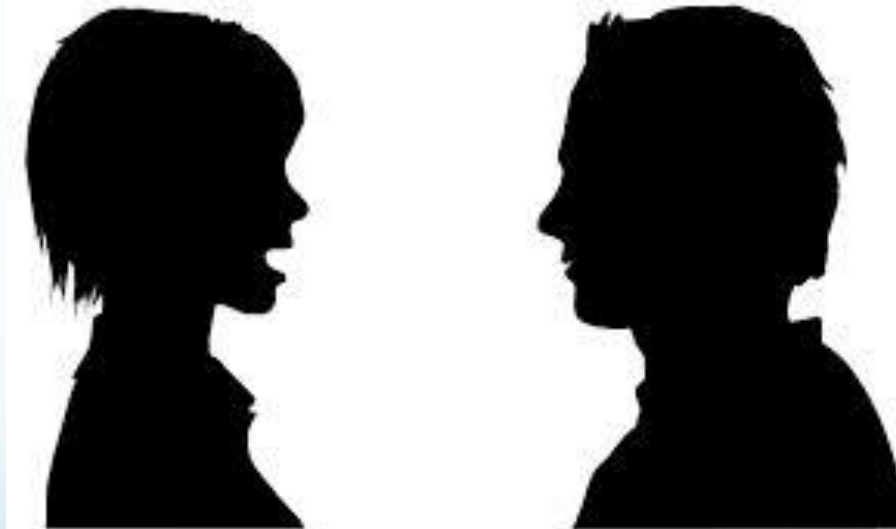
- hand writing
- writing a story or a piece of information
- sending a text message on a phone
- typing on the computer

Writing involves spelling.



Speaking and listening

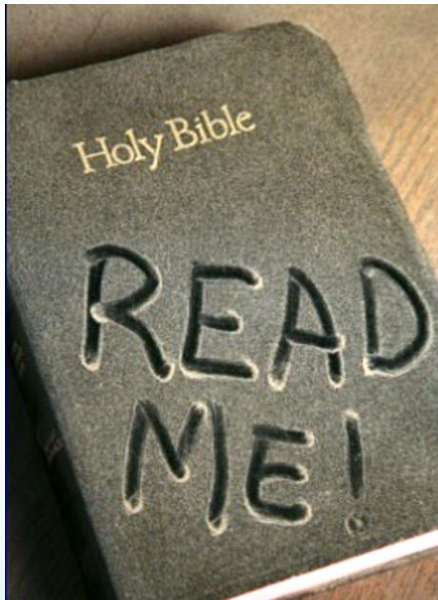
Communicating through the spoken word



Developing speaking and listening at school

- show and tell
- group discussion
- answering questions
- retelling stories
- listening games

How do we know what God has to say to us?



Reading



Listening

Literacy helps us to learn about God and the world

- God has provided us with the written word.
- He speaks to us as we read His word.
- God tells us to learn to listen.
- To listen is to be teachable.



How do we tell others about God?



speaking



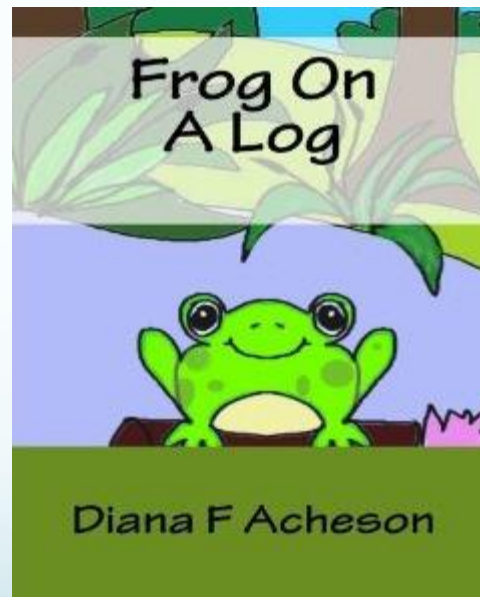
writing

Literacy is a tool for communicating with others

- There is power in the spoken word.
- Writing is another way of communicating.
- Writing a book, an article, a blog, a Facebook message are all ways of sharing a message.

stories

Children need to hear 1000 stories before they are ready to read.





Reading story books to children

- develops a wide vocabulary through listening to others.
- develops an interest in books.
- develops the children's power of imagination.

Telling stories

- There are no pictures to focus on.
- It is important for the story teller to use expression in their voice
- And to use their body, hands, face and particularly their eyes.
- You can tell Bible stories with the aid of acting out or puppets

Stories are part of culture

- Stories teach us about culture.
- There are stories from cultures all around the world that contain similar information because they originate from the beginning of civilization, (following the Great Flood), and passed on to all cultures.
- For example, stories that tell us about God as a Creator.
- And stories that tell us that once the whole earth was covered in water.

Another story told in the form of ancient Chinese writing characters

船

boat

舟 八 口

vessel eight people

8 people in a vessel ... 8 people in Noah's ark

Stories teach us about

- **History**
- **People**
- **Places**
- **Moral values**
- **God**

Be discerning

- Not all stories will be appropriate in the Christian school environment.
- People may donate books from overseas. Do not accept them just because they are free.
- All literature we use in our program must measure up to what God wants for our children.
- Be aware of stories that contain witchcraft, evolution (millions of years), and values that don't measure up. Throw them out!

What is literacy?

Are all literacy resources OK?

How does it help us communicate?

What do stories teach us?

How does it help us to learn about God?

Why are stories important?

How does it help us tell other about God?



Discussion questions

1. How did people use literacy in this country 200 years ago?
2. How important was speaking and listening?
3. Do you know of any stories that have been handed down from generation to generation?

Discussion questions

4. How does the literacy tradition of the past compare to today? Is it changing? If so, how.
5. What will students who cannot read and write be affected?
6. What opportunities will students have if they can read and write to a high standard?