



Mother Nature Academy, LLC

### **The 7 Steps of Reading**

*“The single most important activity for building knowledge for their eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children,” -Becoming a Nation of Readers*

Children learn to read in steps. The first step is when a parent reads to their child. When a parent reads to their child, they are already setting that child up for understanding that the marks on a page have meaning. They will also learn to love reading, and have a vague outline of how to read a book (turning pages, looking at pictures, etc.)

The next steps would be:

Step 2: The child will interpret the story based on the pictures.

Step 3: The child will commit the story to memory and will “read” from that memory. This step should be encouraged, but point to each word in the book when they say it so the child knows the story comes from the words not the pictures.

Step 4: The child will learn to sound out each letter separately and recognize each letter.

Step 5: The child will begin to put letter sounds together.

Step 6: The child will be able to sound out words, write some words based off of letter sounds, and memorize simple words.

Step 7: The child will be able to memorize or sound out most words.

### **Baseline Development Reports**

This month we will begin the observations for the children’s Baseline Development Reports. This report will give us an idea what we need to focus on with each child for the coming months. In the first month of December, you will receive a packet containing our observations of your child in each of the developmental domains. The domains we will be looking at are cognitive, social/emotional, physical, approaches to play and learning, and language/literacy. This is not a report card or a test.

This is a link to a pdf version of the milestone book we will be using: [http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/pdf\\_for\\_ms/NC\\_foundations.pdf](http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/pdf_for_ms/NC_foundations.pdf)

#### **Dates to remember:**

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Veterans Day.

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> to Nov 24<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



Looking for letters in a hay stack.



Using fine motor skills to paint scales on a lizard.



Cutting vegetables for soup.



Making roads in the lava pit.



Learning about reptiles from Dr. Israel.



Eating carrots after digging them up.