Tips, Tricks, and Did You Knows?

-Getting Ready to Read: Phonological awareness is the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words. Rhymes help children hear the different parts of words.

-Preschool Phonological Activity: Children often like funny songs and fingerplays. Try ones where children fill in words that rhyme, such as Willaby Wallaby Woo. “Willaby wallaby woo, an elephant sat on you. Willaby wallaby wadison, an elephant sat on Madison!” Play with changing the animal, sounds, etc.

-Toddler Reading Activity: Help your child become aware of words that rhyme. Read a Dr. Seuss book. Then repeat some of the words that sound alike. As your child gets better at this, ask her to say the words that sound alike. You can do this with any book that rhymes.

-Tip: Play rhyming word games: “Which two sound alike? Cat-fat, bell-cup, sand-hand” or “I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with fog!”

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