

Teaching Kids to Read and Write

Research has revealed that using a structured literacy approach best equips children to read and spell in a skillful way. This handout will help you determine what type of a approach is being used to teach your child to read and write.

Structured Literacy

Teaching how to break down a word into parts (e.g., letters, letter combinations, suffixes)

or

Balanced Literacy

Allowing and encouraging guessing words, skipping words, or using pictures

Changing reading material to encourage practicing skills

or

Re-reading materials to support memorization

Breaking down new words when reading and spelling

or

Reading and spelling new words as a chunk ("sight words")

Teaching skills in an order that builds on previous knowledge

or

Continually teaching sight words

Guiding from an error to accurate reading or spelling

or

Giving feedback of right/wrong or no feedback

Our team at We Communicate provides structured literacy intervention to children 5 years of age to highschool. If you are interested in supporting your child's reading and writing, you can learn more on our website: www.wecomunicateslp.com.