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# Science of Reading

The science of reading is an evidence-based approach to teaching foundational literacy skills systematically and explicitly. It emphasizes understanding the connections between letters and sounds to enable effective decoding and comprehension. This method draws on research from cognitive psychology and neuroscience to provide proven strategies for teaching individuals how to read and fostering strong literacy skills.

## Connecting School and Home

Parents play a crucial role in supporting their child's literacy development, and understanding the science of reading can empower them to contribute effectively. The science of reading emphasizes the importance of explicit and systematic instruction in phonics, which involves teaching children the relationship between letters and sounds. Parents can support this by engaging in activities that promote phonemic awareness, such as reading aloud, playing word games, and discussing the sounds of letters. Additionally, fostering a love for reading through regular reading sessions, visits to the library, and discussions about stories can contribute to a positive literacy environment. By understanding the science of reading, parents can play an active role in creating a strong foundation for their child's reading success.

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