

**Skill Comparison - Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS) and Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR)**  
**ELDS Domain: Language and Literacy**  
**Birth to Kindergarten Entry**

ELDS			ECRR1 Early Literacy Skills	ECRR2 Early Literacy Components	ECRR2 Practices
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Listening and Speaking	Receptive Language and Comprehension	-Attend and respond to language and sounds. (I) -Show understanding of simple requests and statements referring to people and objects around them. (YT) -Show understanding of requests and statements referring to people, objects, ideas and feelings. (OT) -Demonstrate interest in and use words that are new or unfamiliar in conversation and play. (OT) -Understand when words are used in unconventional ways. (OT) -Demonstrate understanding of increasingly complex concepts and longer sentences. (PK) -Ask meanings of words. (PK) -Follow two-step directions or requests. (PK)	Vocabulary: Recognizing words and knowing the meanings of words including objects, actions, concepts, feelings and ideas	Oral Language: Listening, speaking, communication skills Vocabulary: Recognizing words and knowing the meanings of words including objects, actions, concepts, feelings and ideas	*Talking *Singing *Reading *Playing

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Listening and Speaking	Social Communication	<p>-Attempt to respond to basic forms of social communication with the appropriate facial expression, vocalization and/or gesture. (I)</p> <p>-Participate in and often imitate basic communications with family members or familiar others. (YT)</p> <p>-Participate in and often imitate communication according to commonly accepted expectations with family members and in social groups. (OT)</p> <p>-With modeling and support, follow typical patterns when communicating with others (e.g. listen to others, take turns talking and speaking about the topic or text being discussed). (PK)</p> <p>-With modeling and support, continue a conversation through multiple exchanges. (PK)</p>	<p><b>Narrative Skills:</b> Expressive language; ability to recount events, describe things, tell and retell stories</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Recognizing words and knowing the meanings of words including objects, actions, concepts, feelings and ideas</p>	<p><b>Oral Language:</b> Listening, speaking, communication skills</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Recognizing words and knowing the meanings of words including objects, actions, concepts, feelings and ideas</p>	<p>*Talking</p> <p>*Singing</p> <p>*Playing</p>
Reading	Early Reading	<p>-Show interest in books, pictures, songs and rhymes. (I)</p> <p>-Actively participate in book reading, story-telling, and singing. (YT)</p> <p>-Show an appreciation for reading books, telling stories and singing. (OT)</p>	<p><b>Narrative Skills:</b> Expressive language; ability to recount events, describe things, tell and retell stories</p> <p><b>Print Awareness:</b> Knowing that print has meaning; how to handle a book, follow words on a page, environmental print</p> <p><b>Print Motivation:</b> A child's interest in and enjoyment of books and reading</p>	<p><b>Oral Language/ Print Awareness/ Conventions of Print:</b> The knowledge that print has meaning, environmental print, how to handle a book, direction of text, title/author/illustrator</p> <p><b>Background Knowledge- Book/Story Knowledge:</b> Books are enjoyable; how stories work (have a beginning, a middle and an end), ability to tell and retell events and stories, different purposes of books- story, poetry, factual</p>	<p>*Talking</p> <p>*Singing</p> <p>*Reading</p>

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Reading	Reading Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Attend and respond when familiar books are read aloud. (I)</li> <li>-Point to familiar pictures in books when labeled by adult. (YT)</li> <li>-Demonstrate an understanding of the meaning of stories and information in books. (OT)</li> <li>-Use pictures to describe and predict stories and information in books. (OT)</li> <li>-Understand when words are used in unconventional ways during shared reading. (OT)</li> <li>-Ask and answer questions, and comment about characters and major events in familiar stories. (PK)</li> <li>-Retell or re-enact familiar stories. (PK)</li> <li>-Identify characters and major events in a story. (PK)</li> <li>-Demonstrate an understanding of the differences between fantasy and reality. (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, describe what part of the story the illustration depicts. (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and what part each person does for a book. (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, identify the topic of an informational text that has been read aloud. (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, describe, categorize and compare and contrast information in informational text. (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, discuss some similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g. illustrations, descriptions). (PK)</li> <li>-Actively engage in group reading with purpose and understanding. (PK)</li> </ul>	<p>Print Motivation: A child's interest in and enjoyment of books and reading</p> <p><b>Narrative Skills:</b> Expressive language; ability to recount events, describe things, tell and retell stories</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Recognizing words and knowing the meanings of words including objects, actions, concepts, feelings and ideas</p>	<p>Print Awareness/ Conventions of Print: The knowledge that print has meaning, environmental print, how to handle a book, direction of text, title/author/illustrator</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Recognizing words and knowing the meanings of words including objects, actions, concepts, feelings and ideas</p> <p><b>Background Knowledge- Book/Story Knowledge:</b> Books are enjoyable; how stories work (have a beginning, a middle and an end), ability to tell and retell events and stories, different purposes of books- story, poetry, factual</p> <p><b>Background Knowledge- Content:</b> What a child knows on different topics; factual books and other information</p> <p><b>Background Knowledge- Conceptual Thinking:</b> Thinking skills, processes like cause and effect, predicting what might happen as well as knowledge of shapes, colors, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Talking</li> <li>*Reading</li> <li>*Playing</li> </ul>

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Reading	Fluency	-With modeling and support use phrasing, intonation and expression in shared reading of familiar books, poems, chants, songs, nursery rhymes or other repetitious or predictable texts. (PK)	Print Motivation: A child's interest in and enjoyment of books and reading Vocabulary: Recognizing words and knowing the meanings of words including objects, actions, concepts, feelings and ideas	Oral Language: Listening, speaking, communication skills Background Knowledge-Book/Story Knowledge: Books are enjoyable; how stories work (have a beginning, a middle and an end), ability to tell and retell events and stories, different purposes of books- story, poetry, factual	*Talking *Singing *Reading
Reading	Print Concepts	-Demonstrate interest in exploring books. (YT) -Demonstrate a beginning understanding that print carries meaning. (OT) -Distinguishes pictures from letters and words in a text. (OT) -Demonstrate an understanding of basic conventions of print in English and other languages. (PK) -Orient books correctly for reading and turn pages one at a time.(PK) -Demonstrate an understanding that print carries meaning. (PK)	Print Motivation: A child's interest in and enjoyment of books and reading Print Awareness: Knowing that print has meaning; how to handle a book, follow words on a page, environmental print	Print Awareness/ Conventions of Print: The knowledge that print has meaning, environmental print, how to handle a book, direction of text, title/author/illustrator Background Knowledge-Book/Story Knowledge: Books are enjoyable; how stories work (have a beginning, a middle and an end), ability to tell and retell events and stories, different purposes of books- story, poetry, factual	*Reading *Playing <i>(if includes print)</i>

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Reading	Letter and Word Recognition	-With modeling and support, recognize familiar logos and environmental print. (OT) -With modeling and support, recognize own name in print. (OT) -With modeling and support, recognize and "read" familiar words or environmental print. (PK) -With modeling and support, recognize and name some upper and lower case letters in addition to those in first name. (PK) -With modeling and support, demonstrate understanding that alphabet letters are a special category of symbols that can be named and identified. (PK) -With modeling and support, recognize the sounds associated with letters. (PK)	Print Awareness: Knowing that print has meaning; how to handle a book, follow words on a page, environmental print Letter Knowledge: Knowing that the same letter can look different, that letters have names and are related to sounds	Print Awareness/ Conventions of Print: The knowledge that print has meaning, environmental print, how to handle a book, direction of text, title/author/illustrator Letter Knowledge: Knowing that the same letter can look different, that letters have names and represent sounds	*Talking *Singing *Reading *Writing *Playing ( <i>if it includes print</i> )

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Writing	Writing Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Use a 3-finger grasp of dominant hand to hold a writing tool. (PK)</li> <li>-Demonstrate an understanding of the structure and function of print. (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, print letters of own name and other meaningful words with mock letters and some actual letters. (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, demonstrate letter formation in "writing." (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, show awareness that one letter or cluster of letters represents one word. (PK)</li> </ul>	<p>Print Awareness: Knowing that print has meaning; how to handle a book, follow words on a page, environmental print</p> <p><b>Letter Knowledge:</b> Knowing that the same letter can look different, that letters have names and are related to sounds</p>	<p>Print Awareness/ Conventions of Print: The knowledge that print has meaning, environmental print, how to handle a book, direction of text, title/author/illustrator</p> <p><b>Letter Knowledge:</b> Knowing that the same letter can look different, that letters have names and represent sounds</p>	*Writing
Writing	Writing Application and Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Make marks and "scribble writing" to represent objects and ideas. (OT)</li> <li>-"Read" what they have written. (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, notice and sporadically use punctuation in writing. (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, use a combination of drawing, dictating and emergent writing for a variety of purposes (e.g. letters, greeting cards, menus, lists, books). (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, use a combination of drawing, dictating and emergent writing to tell a story, to express ideas, and to share information about an experience or topic of interest. (Composition) (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, discuss and respond to questions from others about writing/drawing. (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, participate in shared research and writing projects using a variety of resources to gather information or to answer a question. (PK)</li> <li>-With modeling and support, explore a variety of digital tools to express ideas. (PK)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Narrative Skills:</b> Expressive language; ability to recount events, describe things, tell and retell stories</p> <p><b>Print Awareness:</b> Knowing that print has meaning; how to handle a book, follow words on a page, environmental print</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> Recognizing words and knowing the meanings of words including objects, actions, concepts, feelings and ideas</p>	<p>Print Awareness/ Conventions of Print: The knowledge that print has meaning, environmental print, how to handle a book, direction of text, title/author/illustrator</p> <p><b>Background Knowledge-Book/Story Knowledge:</b> Books are enjoyable; how stories work (have a beginning, a middle and an end), ability to tell and retell events and stories, different purposes of books- story, poetry, factual</p> <p><b>Background Knowledge-Content:</b> What a child knows on different topics; factual books and other information</p>	*Talking *Writing *Playing

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