

CELL

Everyday Literacy Activities Questions and Answers

What are everyday literacy activities?

Everyday literacy activities refer to events that occur daily in homes, classrooms, and other locations that provide opportunities for early literacy learning. They should be interest-based, happen frequently, and provide opportunities for language learning and the acquisition and use of literacy abilities. Everyday literacy activities can be either formal or informal. Formal literacy activities, also referred to as structured activities, tend to be more adult-directed and tend to occur in more planned learning situations. Informal literacy activities, also referred to as unstructured activities, tend to be more child-directed and tend to occur within daily routines (such as dressing, eating meals, etc).

Why are everyday literacy activities important to a child's literacy learning?

Everyday literacy activities are important to a child's literacy learning because they provide opportunities throughout the day for a child to practice and become competent in early literacy abilities. They are easy to use because they are incorporated into daily activities and routines. These provide opportunities for early literacy learning more informally at home and in the community as well as more formally in the classroom setting. Everyday literacy activities are also important because they can cover all early literacy learning domains, helping children acquire and practice new skills.

What are some examples of everyday literacy activities?

Examples of everyday literacy activities include driving in the car, making grocery lists, doing the dishes, ordering food at a restaurant, zipping up jackets, taking a walk, changing clothes, and saying hello and goodbye.