

Online Seminar on: Promoting Early Book Reading at Home: Tips on Book Selection, Reading Strategies, and Multimedia Use

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Abstract:

The seminar will cover the benefits of reading to young children for their language, literacy, and emotional development, provide guidance on choosing age-appropriate books for kids up to six years old, and suggest ways to keep children engaged and help them understand stories better. It will delve into how early reading experiences can help in the growth of vocabulary and grammar skills and recommend interactive reading practices to enhance a child's comprehension and enjoyment of books.