



Down Syndrome Achievement Centers
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Literacy Program Framework

Level 1

Jump Start Into Reading

- Develop an interest and enjoyment of books and reading
- Recognize whole words through naming, selecting and matching
- Phonemic awareness
- RAZ levels AA to C

Level 2

Being a Reader

- Beginning Comprehension
- RAZ levels C and above

Level 3

Reading to Learn

- Independent reading
- Advanced comprehension
- Application of reading through projects
- Critical thinking

Phonics

- Phonograms

- Blending and decoding spelling

- Syllables & Syllable Division
- spelling