

The goal of Pre-K ELLA is to provide skills and resources to early childhood educators to help them deliver balanced literacy opportunities which provide a strong literacy foundation for school and life success to young children in Arkansas.



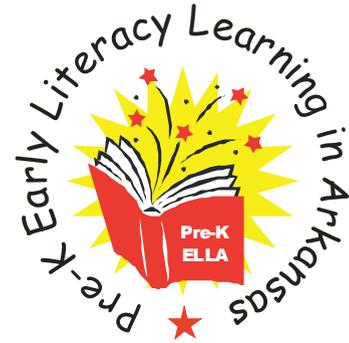
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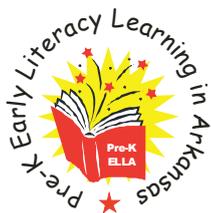


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Preschool teachers are a primary resource in promoting literacy in their classrooms. Each day they have opportunities to engage children in meaningful language and literacy experiences.

Pre-K ELLA is designed to:

- ★ Advance teacher understanding of how three to five year old children develop language and literary skills and why it is important that children develop these skills.
- ★ Present tools and techniques teachers can use in their classrooms to help children develop language and literacy skills they will need to become proficient readers and writers.
- ★ Transfer Pre-K ELLA teacher training into children's everyday classroom experiences and activities.
- ★ Assist teachers in developing strategies for involving families and their children in language and literacy experiences at home.
- ★ Make language and literacy experiences enjoyable for teachers, children and their families.

What does the training offer teachers?

- ★ 30 hours of FREE specialized training
- ★ Provides training experiences that promote literacy skills for children ages three to five
- ★ FREE participant manual and other resources
- ★ Opportunity for professional development and interaction with other teachers of three to five year olds
- ★ A Certificate of Completion
- ★ Includes 16 topics:
 - 1 The Foundation for Language and Literacy Learning
 - 2 Creating Learning Environments That Are Literacy Rich
 - 3 Supportive Social and Emotional Environments
 - 4 The Role of Play in Promoting Language and Literacy
 - 5 Fostering Children's Emergent Literacy Development Through the Family
 - 6 Assessment Through Observation and Portfolios
 - 7 Language Development
 - 8 Phonological Awareness
 - 9 Mother Goose Rhymes, Fingerplays, Poetry and Songs
 - 10 Storytelling
 - 11 Dramatic Play and Creative Drama
 - 12 Read Aloud
 - 13 Shared Reading
 - 14 Learning About Letters, Sounds and Words
 - 15 Environmental Print
 - 16 Writing in the Preschool Classroom