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## **E** Literacy Essentials

- 1** Deliberate, research-informed efforts to foster literacy motivation and engagement within and across lessons.
- 2** Read alouds of age-appropriate books and other materials, print or digital.
- 3** Small group and individual instruction, using a variety of grouping strategies, most often with flexible groups formed and instruction targeted to children's observed and assessed needs in specific aspects of literacy development.

- 4 Activities that build phonological awareness.
- 5 Explicit instruction in letter-sound relationships.
- 6 Research and standards-aligned writing instruction.
- 7 Intentional and ambitious efforts to build vocabulary and content knowledge.
- 8 Abundant reading material and reading opportunities in the classroom.
- 9 Ongoing observation and assessment of children's language and literacy development that informs their education.
- 10 Collaboration with families in promoting literacy,



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