

Survey Results

School Readiness Survey 2005

First 5 Shasta's annual survey of kindergarten teachers

Did you know?

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Daily experiences help young children connect language and written words to their world.

Sharing books and telling stories is a way for adults and children to enjoy time together. It also builds important early literacy skills. Getting ready to read is linked to recognizing letters, sounds, and how the words in a book make a story.

How are Shasta County's children doing? Are they developing early literacy skills that will help them do well in school? These survey results offer some answers.



Emergent literacy

Starting kindergarten, 42% of Shasta County children show that they have pre-reading skills and recognize letters and sounds.

...that means 6 out of 10 do not!

42%

of students demonstrate emergent literacy skills.

Pre-Academic skills

56%

of Shasta County kindergarteners know their colors and shapes and some letters and sounds at the start of school.

...that means 4 out of 10 do not!

Language

74%

of Shasta County kindergarten students have age-appropriate skills in speaking and understanding language. Language skills help young children communicate and participate in the kindergarten classroom.

...that means 3 out of 10 do not!

English Learners

Having age-appropriate skills in speaking and understanding their home language benefits kindergarten students learning English.

...that means 4 out of 10 do not!

63%

of Shasta County English Learner kindergarteners have good skills in their non-English home language.

More information at

www.first5shasta.org

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Parent Survey 2005

First 5 Shasta's bi-annual survey of parents of children age 0-to-5

Parents reading daily

with

CHILDREN

is an

early literacy routine

that promotes later school

success!

Reading Time

78%

of Shasta County parents read to their child, age 0-to-5, daily.

...that means **2** out of **10** do not!

Library Visits

The local library is a good place for families to enjoy books and story time activities.

43%

of Shasta County parents of young children visited a library in the past year.

...that means **6** out of **10** did not!

What prompts early literacy skills?

- enjoyment of books
- positive interactions between young children and adults
- literacy-rich environments



First Facts Web Library

More information about young children and literacy is online at first5shasta.org/firstfacts or call 229-8300.