

## What is Phonemic Awareness?

Phonemic Awareness is the understanding that spoken words are made up of individual sounds, which are called phonemes. A child who is phonemically aware is able to isolate sounds, manipulate the sounds, blend and segment the sounds into spoken and written words.

**Phonemic Awareness is an auditory training process. It does not involve print.** It is not phonics! In our classroom we align and focus the lessons we are teaching in phonemic awareness with what we are teaching in phonics.

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