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Helping Bigs Support Lils in Reading & Learning



“Supporting communities to reach and exceed student achievement outcomes is my specialty.”



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What are the key challenges in early literacy we solve with our LitKit Parent Engagement series?



Our Listening Ears

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During **LitKit #1**, families will enjoy an interactive reading of **Etta Kat She's a Real Character**. Hands-on activities to build phonemic awareness will engage children and their families.

Standards Addressed: ELA.K.F.1.2
Demonstrate phonological awareness.

Looks Like, Sounds Like

2

During **LitKit #2**, families will enjoy an interactive reading of **Brenda's Botanical Garden**. Hands-on activities to support will engage children and their families.

Standards Addressed: ELA.K.F.1.1
Recognize that speech is represented by print / Identify letters of the alphabet.

Words Have Families

3

During **LitKit #3**, families will enjoy an interactive reading of **Pirate Pete Sails the Seas**. Hands-on activities to support will engage children and their families.

Standards Addressed: ELA.K.F.1.3
Use knowledge of grade-appropriate phonics and word-analysis skills to decode words accurately.

Reading Readiness: While 3-5 year olds are engaged in early literacy (85% read to, 87% told stories), **37% arrive at kindergarten without necessary skills.**

Performance Levels: Only 56% of K-2 students are on track to read, with **29% significantly behind.**

Disparities: In some regions, up to 65% of kindergarteners are not on track, and **50% of children from low-income communities start first grade up to two years behind their peers.**

Post-Pandemic Rebound: Kindergarten reading readiness has returned to pre-pandemic levels in some areas, yet overall, **the pace of improvement remains slow.**

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Graduate Consulting in the News



Graduate Consulting, LLC Launches Etta Kat Lit Kit, 3rd Edition to Support Kindergarten Readiness

LANTANA, Fla. - May 13, 2025 - *PBLog* -- Graduate Consulting, LLC is proud to announce the release of the *Etta Kat Lit Kit, 3rd Edition*, a groundbreaking resource designed to support families with children entering kindergarten. Unlike traditional workbooks, this innovative kit starts with a **sounds-based approach**, helping children understand how spoken sounds connect to printed letters—a critical foundation for reading success. The resource is designed for learners to tear apart pages to engage in activities across the five pillars of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

The *Etta Kat Lit Kit* (EKLK) offers a robust blend of phonemic awareness activities, vocabulary development, and multisensory learning strategies. In a unique twist, EKLK also features a **revised version of the Alphabet Song** that introduces children to the multiple sounds letters can make, rather than focusing solely on letter names.

"Our goal with the *Etta Kat Lit Kit* is to re-imagine how we teach reading from the very beginning," said Stephanie Hunte, founder of Graduate Consulting, LLC. "By emphasizing sounds over letter names and integrating playful, research-informed activities, families are equipped with a powerful tool that makes early literacy development both effective and enjoyable."

To support Bigs—the adults who help children with reading—Dr. Hunte has created visual tutorials for the activities featured in her interactive literacy workbook, available on YouTube: youtube.com/@stephaniehunte (<https://www.youtube.com/@stephaniehunte>).

"Our goal with these resources is to empower families and educators with the tools they need to support the Lits in their lives. A child's access to learning should never be limited by the education or language background of the adult supporting them.

As a former home-school parent, I understand how important it is to have curriculum options that are not only effective but also easy to use. These resources are designed to help children meet and exceed grade-level expectations—providing them with the support and confidence they need to continually grow."

Now in its third edition, EKLK continues to provide a comprehensive and accessible learning experience for children ages 4-6, with fresh content and updated materials designed to support today's learners and families.

The *Etta Kat Lit Kit, 3rd Edition* is now available for purchase on Amazon. Class sets and bulk orders may be ordered through the company's official website at www.graduateconsulting.com.

About Graduate Consulting, LLC

Graduate Consulting, LLC develops high-quality educational resources to bridge the gap between home and school. Founded by educational consultant and author Stephanie Hunte, the company specializes in literacy development, curriculum writing, professional development and tools that empower both children



Graduate Consulting Launches LitKit Parent Engagement Series to Strengthen Early Literacy Skills

PALM BEACH, Fla. - March 11, 2026 - *PBLog* -- Graduate Consulting, LLC is proud to announce the launch of the **LitKit Parent Engagement Series**, a three-part family literacy experience designed to help parents and caregivers support early reading development for young learners. The interactive series connects families with research-based literacy practices while providing engaging activities aligned to the Florida B.E.S.T. ELA Standards for kindergarten.

The LitKit Parent Engagement Series was created in response to growing concerns about early reading readiness among young learners. While many preschool-aged children are exposed to early literacy experiences—85% of children ages 3-5 are read to regularly and 87% hear stories at home—approximately 37% still enter kindergarten without the foundational skills necessary for reading success. Current data also shows that only 56% of K-2 students are on track to read at grade level, while 29% are significantly behind.

The **LitKit Parent Engagement Series** equips families with practical strategies to support early literacy development at home through interactive reading experiences and hands-on learning.

The series was developed by **children's author and educator Dr. Stephanie Hunte**, who brings more than **two decades of experience in education**, including roles as a classroom teacher, instructional coach, school administrator and Exceptional Student Education (ESE) coordinator.

"Parents and caregivers play an essential role in a child's literacy journey," said Dr. Hunte. "The LitKit Parent Engagement Series provides families with interactive experiences that help them understand how reading develops while giving them simple, meaningful ways to support their children's learning."

Each event features an interactive read-aloud and hands-on literacy activities for families.

The series components include:

LitKit #1 – Building Phonemic Awareness

Featuring an interactive reading of *Etta Kat She's a Real Character*.

LitKit #2 – Connecting Sounds to Print

Featuring an interactive reading of *Brenda's Botanical Garden*.

LitKit #3 – Decoding Words Through Phonics

Featuring an interactive reading of *Pirate Pete Sails the Seas*.

The series complements Graduate Consulting's innovative literacy resource, the *Etta Kat Lit Kit (EKLK), 3rd Edition*, a sounds-based early literacy toolkit designed for children ages 4-6. The resource supports learning across the **five pillars of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension**, and features hands-on, multisensory activities families can use at home.

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Supporting the Five Pillars

Phonemic Awareness



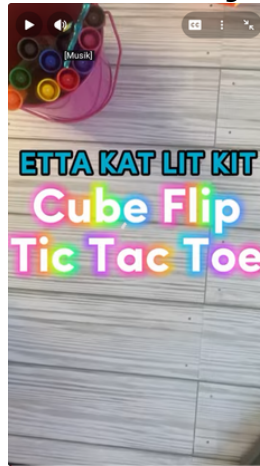
Phonemic Awareness is the ability to manipulate and focus on individual phonemes, the smallest units of speech that distinguish words.

Phonics



Phonics is the study of the systematic relationship between the sounds we hear in words and the letters that spell them. Phonics teaches the alphabetic principle, which is the relationships between letters, and spoken language sounds.

Vocabulary



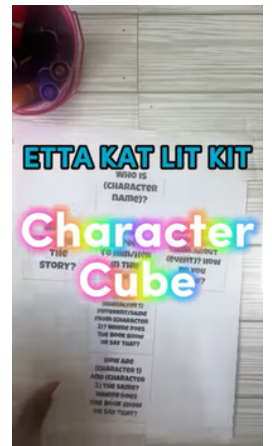
Vocabulary is the knowledge of words, including their structure (morphology), meaning, and usage, which is essential for understanding text.

Fluency

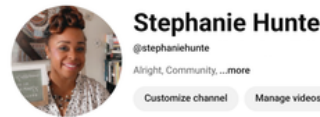


Fluency is the ability to read with speed, accuracy, and proper expression.

Comprehension



Comprehension is the understanding and interpretation of what is read.



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