

# Picture Symbols

Development of reading occurs in a pattern for every child. At the beginning stages of reading and writing, all children learn about real objects. As they gain more skills, children move toward print or braille.

Your child's literacy medium is the way your child will read and write. In fact, your child may use more than one literacy medium. Your child's educational team, including the teacher of students with visual impairments (TVI), will continue to track your child's reading and writing needs as they change over time.



The educational team decided that your child will use picture symbols to read and write. Photographs or illustrations are used to represent people, places, actions, foods, objects, and animals. These symbols may be used with print.



Auditory supports, such as listening to books, may be used with any literacy medium.



## Helping at Home

Picture symbols can help your child read and write individual words and phrases. These symbols can be used to create schedules, labels, books, journals, and other learning materials. You can help your child develop reading and writing skills in the following ways:

- Work with your child's team, including the TVI, to decide which symbols to use at home and school
- Use picture symbols at home with help from your child's TVI

## Assistive Technology

Different types of assistive technology may help your child when reading and writing. Assistive technology may include:

- Calendar system
- Finished basket
- Video magnifier or closed-circuit television (CCTV)
- Handheld magnifier
- Computer or tablet with accessibility features
- Picture supported text applications
- Task lighting
- Switches
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) system



# \_\_\_\_\_ 's Literacy Medium

## Reading

## Writing

## Helping at Home

## Assistive Technology

## Contact:



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