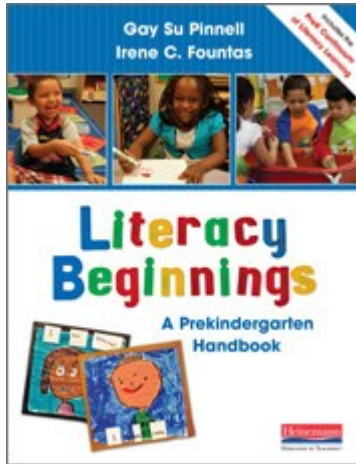


Literacy Beginnings



For prekindergarten children, language and play are the major tools for learning about the world, and they are also the most important tools for early literacy learning. The three- or four-year-old who takes a memo pad and marker around to family members “to take orders” for dinner, like all young children, makes no distinction between play and reading and writing. It all involves curiosity, learning, discovery, and excitement.

All teachers at the ECLC had extensive professional development using the Literacy Beginnings Handbook. Teachers excel at tapping into children’s curiosity to introduce them to the world of literacy in joyful and engaging ways.