

José Martí CDC Family Night @ El Centro

On Wednesday, March 29, 2006, the José Martí Child Development Center at El Centro held it's monthly family night, with special guests from the Seattle Public Library who made a presentation on the importance of Early Literacy Skills. "The National Research Council recommends that children enter school with specific early literacy skills that serve as the foundation for learning to read and



write. Children who enter school with more of these skills are better able to benefit from the reading instruction they receive when they arrive at school," taken from Multnomah County Library materials. The National Research Council recommends children enter school with these six Early Literacy Skills (www.multcolib.org):

1. **Print Motivation**: Find books that speak to your child's interests and share them often.
2. **Vocabulary**: Teach your child the specific names of things, like vegetables at the grocery store.
3. **Print Awareness**: Help your child discover how to hold a book and turn the pages.
4. **Narrative Skills**: Tell stories together, encourage pretend play, and let your child be a storyteller.
5. **Phonological Awareness**: Sing songs, play games and share rhymes to help your child play with the smaller sounds in words.
6. **Letter Knowledge**: Help your child identify the first letter in his/her name and find it in

books, on street signs and package labels.

There were 49 parents and 51 children in attendance.

Thank you to Seattle Public Library and Maya's Restaurant for catering this event!

For more information please call 206.957.4619.

