

**ECE Dual Language Research Articles:  
Identification of Pertinent Articles and Vignettes  
For PROMISE Initiative Preschools**

**Title:** *Identity Text and Literacy Development Among Preschool English Language Learners: Enhancing Learning Opportunities for Children at Risk for Learning Difficulties*

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KEY	A Strength 3	Limited Mention 2	Not Addressed 1
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Relevance of Research	Notes/Evidence	3	2	1
Research pertains specifically to infants and toddlers, ages 0 to 3	EAP included children from infancy to age 6. (p. 2389)	X		
Research pertains specifically to preschool aged children, ages 3 to 5	Pretest: average age 37.3 months. Posttest: average age 48.4 months. (p. 2389)	X		
Research pertains specifically to children raised within a home language environment other than English L1: Spanish or Haitian Creole	Principle #5 EAP promotes the development of bilingualism. (p. 2385)	X		
Research pertains specifically to children raised within a dual language home environment: L1: Spanish or Haitian Creole L2: English	Principle #5 EAP promotes the development of bilingualism. (p. 2385)	X		
Research pertains to language minority children with special needs	Discusses prevention of misidentification for learning disabilities from lack of bilingual programs. Principle #5 EAP promotes the development of bilingualism. (p. 2383)	X		
Research contains model programs for dual language preschools	Early Authors Program (EAP) promotes the development of bilingualism. (p. 2385)	X		
Research addresses issues of assessment for children learning two languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study includes randomly selected sample with control group and experimental group in evaluation sample. Method is described and data presented for study.</li> <li>Individual assessment for children 30 months or older:</li> </ul>	X		

Research addresses issues of assessment for children learning two languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study includes randomly selected sample with control group and experimental group in evaluation sample. Method is described and data presented for study.</li> <li>• Individual assessment for children 30 months or older:</li> <li>• LAP-D: Learning Accomplishment Profile – Diagnostic Edition and</li> <li>• *PLS-R: Preschool Language Scale – Revised Fourth Edition. (p. 2392)</li> <li>• Administered in English or Spanish, dependent on child’s dominant language as determined by teacher.</li> </ul> <p>*Skills tapped by the PLS-R at all ages are considered important precursors for literacy development (Armbruster, Lehr, and Osborn, 2001). p. 2392</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher-reported child literacy skills</li> <li>• Early Steps in Reading Success (ESRS) survey – 2 sections; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Instructional practices</li> <li>○ Literacy environment checklist</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Literacy Specialist Interviews. p. 2393</li> <li>• Improvement in language and literacy scores. (p. 2399)</li> </ul>	X		
Research provides a framework compatible to the PROMISE Core Principles	8 core principles derived mainly from Freire’s philosophy of transformative education (Freire, 1970). Also Bransford, Brown and Cocking’s <i>How People Learn</i> model (1999) and Cummins’ <i>Academic Expertise</i> framework (2000).	X		
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement in language and literacy scores. (p. 2399)</li> </ul>	X		

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Viewing Through the Lens of PROMISE Core Principles**

Recommended for  
PROMISE Preschool  
Resource Guide

Yes   X  

No       

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PROMISE Vision & Core Principles	Notes/Evidence	3	2	1
<b>LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enriched and affirming learning environment</li> </ul>	Principle #1: learner-based transformative approach that stresses positive identity building and is rooted in the awareness of the social context of the child and the value of family ties. (p. 2384) Principle #3: EAP emphasizes the equality of all human beings. Principle #4: EAP positively values diversity and inclusion. (p. 2385)	X		
<b>CURRICULUM and INSTRUCTION:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenging and relevant curriculum,</li> <li>appropriate instructional materials, and</li> <li>effective instructional practices</li> </ul>	Principle #2 encourages students and educators to develop a critical stance in relation to social reality and pedagogy. (p. 2384) Principle #8 recognizes that the way students are positioned in relation to the teacher, to other students, and to the learning community in general can affect their identity investment and cognitive engagement. (p. 2387)	X		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenging and Relevant Curriculum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle #6: EAP emphasizes the importance of aesthetic experiences in the learning process.</li> <li>Principle #7: EAP emphasizes meaning and deep understanding. (p. 2386)</li> <li>Use of home languages in bookmaking component. (p. 2390)</li> </ul>	X		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Quality Instructional Resources</li> </ul>	Bookmaking component: p. 2390 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classrooms equipped with computers, digital cameras, color printers and a laminator used to support literacy initiatives.</li> <li>Students as protagonists.</li> </ul>	X		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Quality Professional Preparation and Support</li> </ul>	Specialist and Assessor Training (p. 2391).	X		
<b>FAMILY:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Powerful family engagement</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle #1 encourages educators to recognize and use the wealth of knowledge (cultural capital) that both children and family members can bring with them to the school setting. (pp. 2383-2384)</li> <li>Family meetings (p. 2391).</li> </ul>	X		
<b>ASSESSMENT:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Valid and comprehensive assessment</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dependent measures and assessments; results, pp. 2392 – 2399.</li> <li>Improvement in language and literacy scores (p. 2399).</li> </ul>	X		
Exemplar for PROMISE Preschool?	Yes: Early Authors Program (EAP), Miami-Dade County, Florida	X		