

The elementary years are filled with wonder, bold thoughts, rapid growth, and amazement!



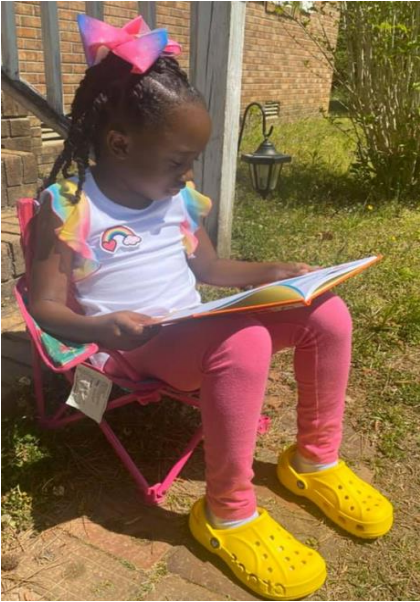
Grades K-3 are considered primary grades (ages 5-8), while grades 4-5 (ages 9-10) are the upper elementary years that build upon the primary years.



During the early elementary years, children begin to develop important aspects of self-concept. At this age, children begin to make social comparisons and these comparisons help them understand who they are.



Parents and teachers know that children acquire new skills and knowledge rapidly during the elementary years.



Research shows that average annual learning gains for children in grades K-2 are dramatically greater than those for subsequent years of school.



The outcomes of early elementary education (particularly whether or not a child can read proficiently by third grade), are a powerful predictor of later school and life outcomes.