



42%
of children who
speak English
fluently read and
write at grade level
in 3rd grade in
Monterey County



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**BRIGHT
BEGINNINGS**
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

DID YOU KNOW?

Until the end of 3rd grade, most students are *learning to read*; beginning in 4th grade, students *read to learn*.

The foundation for reading lies in the oral language children are exposed to and develop in the first three years of life.

A student who can't read on grade level by 3rd grade is four times less likely to graduate by age 19 than a child who does read proficiently by that time.

Visit www.brightbeginningsmc.org for sources.

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and Bright Futures

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with a local family
literacy program

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books to a local
elementary school

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by hosting a presentation at
your home or business about
the importance of early childhood
development and pre-literacy

Bright Beginnings is an initiative of Monterey County Children's Council. The vision of both Bright Beginnings and the Monterey County Children's Council is that all children in Monterey County live in safe, nurturing homes and communities; they are healthy, valued, succeed in school and realize their full potential. For more information please visit our website: www.brightbeginningsmc.org. Bright Beginnings also works in partnership with the Bright Futures Cradle to Career Initiative to address early childhood development.



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