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What's new

• This longitudinal study has demonstrated that fathers' involvement in home reading at age 2 is predictive of language development, but not emergent literacy skills, at age 4. This remained even after accounting for mother's home reading and socioeconomic disadvantage.

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