

FBISD READS: Literacy at Home

Phonics Concept				
1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks				
Week	Concept	Examples	At Home Connections	
1	Name Study	For the first few week's students will "play" with their names and the names of other students in their class. They will learn that words are made up of sounds and we represent those sounds with letters.	<p><b>Phonological Awareness:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find Specific Sounds- Have your child and other family members listen for words with a specific sound in family conversation or on television and radio programs, such as words that start with the s sound or that end with the k sound. Have your family members share their heard words and list them on a piece of paper.</li> <li>Match the First Sound- Help your child identify the beginning sounds in words. Sort and match pictures and words according to beginning sound. Ask your child to figure out which picture or word doesn't belong because it has a different beginning sound. (Example: bag, nine, beach, and bike). Sing the television jingle, "One of these things is not like the others." Have your child sort snack foods by their beginning sounds. (Example: raisins on one plate, carrots on another, etc.)</li> <li>Mystery Game- Play a mystery game in which you are calling your child's name or looking for an object around the house. For example, say, "I'm thinking of someone whose name begins with (say the sound for the letter t)," or "I'm looking for an item that begins with (say the sound for the letter g)."</li> </ul> <p><b>Phonics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning Sounds- Say, "Let's think of some words that start with the same sound. I'll say the first ones and we'll see if you can think of a color word that starts with the same sound." Say, "Pig, penguin, porcupine..." Ask your child to repeat your words before supplying another one. Then ask, "What sound do these words start with?" (Your child should say the sound p.) You may have to exaggerate the beginning sounds until your child gets the idea. Then ask, "What is a color word that begins with the same sound?" (pink, purple) Repeat with other beginning sounds.</li> </ul>	
2	Name Study			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the uppercase and lowercase symbol of a letter</li> <li>Say the short sound of the letter</li> <li>Write the letter</li> <li>Identify other words that begin with the letter</li> </ul>
3	Name Study			
4	Letter-sound relationships: a,s,m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the uppercase and lowercase symbol of a letter</li> <li>Say the short sound of the letter</li> <li>Write the letter</li> <li>Identify other words that begin with the letter</li> </ul>		
5	Letter-sound relationships: t,p,j			
6	VC/CVC	at, sip, jam		
7	Letter-sound relationships: f,n,o	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the uppercase and lowercase symbol of a letter</li> <li>Say the short sound of the letter</li> <li>Write the letter</li> <li>Identify other words that begin with the letter</li> </ul>		
8	Letter-sound relationships: d,c,l			
9	VC/CVC	cat, fin, map		
10	Reteach and Review	Teachers will use this week to revisit any concepts students need additional practice on.		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks				
Week	Concept	Examples	At Home Connections	
1	Letter-sound relationships: g,b,u	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the uppercase and lowercase symbol of a letter</li> <li>Say the short sound of the letter</li> <li>Write the letter</li> <li>Identify other words that begin with the letter</li> </ul>	<p><b>Phonological Awareness:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Word Race- Help your child pick out the first sound in words, an important step in learning to read. Give your child one minute to name as many objects, people, foods, etc that start with a given sound, such as sss. When the minute is up, have them try to beat their score with another sound, such as rrr. It's important to say the sound the letter makes rather than the letter's name. For instance, say mmm rather than em.</li> </ul>	
2	Letter-sound relationships: h,r,k			
3	VC/CVC			man, cub, sun

4	Letter-sound relationships: e, j, w	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the uppercase and lowercase symbol of a letter</li> <li>Say the short sound of the letter</li> <li>Write the letter</li> <li>Identify other words that begin with the letter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Count the Sounds- Help your child count the number of sounds in words. Have your child find pictures of two- and three-sound words. Put the same number of markers (coins, blocks, etc.) representing the sounds under the picture. Have your child touch a different marker as he or she says each sound. Some ideas for pictures are: fish (3 sounds), lip (3 sounds), shoe (2 sounds), and the number five (3 sounds).</li> </ul> <p><b>Phonics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blend Words- Gather several small objects from around the house. Say, "Let's see if you can guess what I am hiding behind my back. I will say parts of the word and, if you put these parts together, you will be able to guess what I have behind my back." Pronounce the first sound and ending rhyme separately. For example, p-en. If your child is able to blend the parts and come up with the word, show him or her the pen and repeat with another object or toy. If your child is not able to blend the first sound and ending rhyme, model the process. For example, b-at, bat. Repeat this practice, blending parts of words into whole words.</li> <li>Label Your Home- Use masking tape and a permanent marker to label names of objects in your home, such as bed, doll, table, and chair. This helps your child recognize letters and the names of everyday objects.</li> </ul>
5	Letter-sound relationships: x, q, v		
6	Letter-sound relationships: y, z  Reteach and Review		
7	VC/CVC	bug, fan, wet	
8	VC/CVC		
9	Reteach and Review	Teachers will use this week to revisit any concepts students need additional practice on.	

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks

Week	Concept	Examples	At Home Connections
1	S Blends: St, Sc, Sm (CCVC/CVCC)	smog, scan, stub	<p><b>Phonological Awareness:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sounds on a Walk- Help your child take spoken words apart. Have your child listen for syllables in words. You can play this game while you are walking. Have your child clap the number of syllables in the name of each object you see. Next, have your child separate the sounds in words, listening for beginning, middle, and ending sounds; for example, if your child sees a bird, he or she would say b-ir-d.</li> <li>Break the Words Apart- Help your child take spoken words apart and put them together. Have your child separate the sounds in simple three-letter words, listening for beginning, middle, and ending sounds. For example, pronounce mom as follows: mm-o-mm. Next, ask your child to blend sounds together to make a word. Say words one sound at a time; for example, you say sh-ee-p and your child says sheep.</li> </ul> <p><b>Phonics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Magnetic Words- Help your child practice reading and writing letters and words. Help your child form words using magnetic letters.</li> <li>Words in the World- Point out the letter/sound relationships your child is learning on food labels, boxes, newspapers, magazines, and signs. For instance, ask your child, "What sound does this letter make?" Practice w</li> </ul>
2	S Blends: Sw, Sp, Sn (CCVC/CVCC)	swim, spot, snug	
3	Blend Review	stem, swift, sped	
4	L Blends: Bl, Cl (CCVC/CVCC)	clip, blob, blast	
5	L Blends: Pl, Sl (CCVC/CVCC)	plus, slept, plot	
6	Blend Review	slim, blot, scan	
7	R Blends: Br, Cr, Tr (CCVC/CVCC)	crib, trot, brand	
8	R Blends: Dr, Pr (CCVC/CVCC)	prom, draft	
9	Blend Review	Teachers will use this week to revisit any blends students need additional practice on.	

### 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks

Week	Concept	Examples	At Home Connections
1	Reteach and Review	Teachers will use this week to revisit any concepts students need additional practice on.	<p><b>Phonological Awareness:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shopping for Sounds- As you and your child shop, have your child separate the sounds in the name of each item you put in your shopping basket, listening for beginning, middle, and ending sounds; for example, for a bag, your child would say b-a-g. Next, ask your child to blend sounds</li> </ul>
2	Long Vowels O, I	go, I	
3	Long Vowels E, A, U	we, a	

4	VCe a_e	cake, take
5	VCe i_e	dime, lime
6	VCe o_e	vote, slope
7	VCe e_e	eve, Steve
8	VCe u_e	cute, tube
9	VCe review	Teachers will use this week to continue to practice the VCe pattern with students.
10	Reteach and Review	Teachers will use this time to revisit any concepts students need additional practice on.
11	Reteach and Review	

together to make a word. Say words one sound at a time; for example, you say m-i-l-k and your child says milk; you say c-a-n and your child says can.

- Count the Words- Have your child count the number of words in a spoken sentence. Say a sentence. (Example: "Let's go to the park.") Have your child tell you the number of words in the sentence. Switch roles, allowing your child to give you a sentence and have you say the number of words it contains.

#### Phonics:

- Shopping for Syllables- Help your child take words apart. As you and your child shop, clap the number of syllables in the name of each item as you put it in your shopping basket.
- Blend Words- Gather several small objects from around the house. Say, "Let's see if you can guess what I am hiding behind my back. I will say parts of the word and, if you put these parts together, you will be able to guess what I have behind my back." Pronounce the first sound and ending rhyme separately. For example, p-en. If your child is able to blend the parts and come up with the word, show him or her the pen and repeat with another object or toy. If your child is not able to blend the first sound and ending rhyme, model the process. For example, b-at, bat. Repeat this practice, blending parts of words into whole words.

Glossary	
Concept	Definition
Alphabetic Principle (Letter-Sound Relationships)	The understanding that letters and combinations of letters represent the sounds of spoken language.
CCVC/CVCC (consonant blends and clusters)	Two (blends) or more (clusters) consecutive consonants that retain their individual sounds but are "chunked" together when read.  Blends and clusters can occur at the beginning of words or the end of words.
Long Vowels	Long vowels are voiced and produce a sound that is the same as their letter name. They typically are produced from open, vowel-consonant-e, and vowel team syllables.
Phonological Awareness	An umbrella term that includes the awareness of the larger parts of spoken language. There are four developmental levels: word, syllable, onset/rime, and phoneme
Phonics	Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write the English language. It teaches children to read individual letters (e.g. a, s, t) and groups of letters (e.g. oo, sh, igh) by saying the sounds they make. They then learn how to blend the sounds to make the words they are reading or writing.
VC/CVC (Closed Syllable)	Vowel Consonant/ Consonant Vowel Consonant: A syllable with a short vowel, spelled with a single vowel letter ending in one or more consonants.
VCe (Vowel Consonant -e syllables)	A syllable type that typically makes a long vowel sound. It is spelled with one vowel and one consonant with a silent e after the consonant

#### Additional Information and Resources

- [Science of Teaching Reading Term Review](#)
- [Songs](#)
- [Handwriting Manuscript Stroke Descriptions](#)
- [Types of Text in a Literacy Classroom](#)
- [Correct Phoneme Pronunciation](#)