

## Small Steps Toward Science-Based Reading Instruction:

### Additional Resources

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<b>Small Step #1: Assess phonics knowledge with a decoding inventory</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Diagnostic Decoding Inventory from Really Great Reading</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Scholastic Phonics Survey</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Quick Phonics Screener</a></li></ul>
<b>Small Step #2: Choose phonics activities that explicitly match sounds to letters</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Video Example of Linking Sounds to Letters</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Using Elkonin Boxes</a> (great info about which letter combinations go into one box vs. two)</li><li>• <a href="#">Elkonin boxes video, sample lesson and slides</a></li></ul> <p><i>Note:</i> Include letters as soon as possible!</p>
<b>Small Step #3: Do activities with words that differ by only one sound</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Word Chain Example Video</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Lists of Words for Word Chains</a> (note: the directions say to use counters, we suggest students write or build the words with letters)</li><li>• <a href="#">Video about Blending Lines</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Blending Lines information and blank templates</a></li></ul>
<b>Small Step #4: Begin to include decodable text</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">CKLA decodable text</a>: these are PDF books that can be printed.</li><li>• <a href="#">Half Pint Kids</a>: These are online only decodable texts that can also be purchased.</li><li>• <a href="#">EL decodable text</a>: Decodable texts are found in the materials for the skills blocks starting in first grade. Each module has one story. When you download a module's materials, click on the zipped file called "supporting materials" to find the decodable text.</li><li>• <a href="#">West Virginia Phonics</a>: These free lessons include short decodable passages at the end of each lesson.</li><li>• <a href="#">Flyleaf Decodables</a>: These are online only decodable texts that will be free until the end of the 2021-2022 school year.</li></ul> <p><i>Note:</i> A text is decodable if a student has the phonics knowledge necessary to decode the words. Choose the books carefully so they include only the phonics features your students have been taught.</p>
<b>Small Step #5: Prompt students to try to decode words using phonics knowledge first</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Decoding bookmarks</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Decoding Tips for Parents: 5 Common Word Reading Errors and How to Help</a>: This is a great resource for parents and it has lots of great ideas for how to support students with different types of decoding errors.</li></ul>