

Dear Family,

VALLS: Pre-K is a screening tool that measures young children’s language and literacy development. For 3-year-olds, the screener contains subtests that measure five broad skills, which impact later reading achievement:

Alphabet Knowledge: knowledge of letter names and letter sounds

Phonological Awareness: the ability to play with and hear the sounds of language

Language Comprehension: showing understanding of a story by using words (expressive) and by using gestures like pointing (receptive)

Emergent Writing: ability to write their name

Print Concepts: understanding of how print, books, and writing work

Across the year, there are 9 subtests:

| Skill Area | Subtest | F | MY | S |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----|---|
| Alphabet Knowledge | Letter Name | X | X | X |
| | Letter Sounds | X | X | X |
| Phonological Awareness | Syllable Segmenting | X | X | X |
| | Beginning Sounds Matching | X | X | X |
| Language Comprehension | Passage Comprehension: Retell | X | | X |
| | Passage Comprehension: Expressive | X | | X |
| | Passage Comprehension: Receptive | X | | X |
| Emergent Writing | Name Writing | X | | X |
| Print Concepts | Print Concepts | X | | |

Results are used to determine individual children’s learning goals, plan classroom instruction, and raise awareness of children who need additional support or instruction in early reading and literacy.

VALLS: Pre-K3 Mid-Year

Mid-Year includes only 4 subtests

| Skill Area | Subtest | Objective | Max |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----|
| Alphabet Knowledge | Letter Names | Children identify the names of both uppercase and lowercase printed letters | 52 |
| | Letter Sounds | Children identify the sounds of both uppercase and lowercase printed letters | 25 |
| Phonological Awareness | Syllable Segmenting | Children orally divide words into syllables | 10 |
| | Beginning Sounds Matching | Children point to two pictures (out of three) that begin with the same sound | 10 |

Sample VALLS: Pre-K3 Child Summary: Mid-Year 2023

CHILD SUMMARY - MID-YEAR

This report lists all scores entered for the child.



Child: **MMB PreKF**

Grade: **Pre-K3**

Teacher: **Michelle B**

School: **Example Elem**

| Pre-K Language & Literacy Screener Subtests | | MID-YEAR SCORES | MAX SCORE |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Alphabet Knowledge | Letter Names | 20 | 52 |
| | Letter Sounds | 9 | 25 |
| Phonological Awareness | Syllable Segmenting | 5 | 10 |
| | Beginning Sounds Matching | 5 | 10 |

| The first 4 tasks have <i>Skill Development Bands</i> : | Beginning | Growing | Strong |
|---|-----------|---------|--------|
| Letter Names | 0-4 | 5-32 | 33-52 |
| Letter Sounds | 0-6 | 7-13 | 14-25 |
| Syllable Segmenting | 0-4 | 5-7 | 8-10 |
| Beginning Sounds Matching | 0-4 | 5-7 | 8-10 |