

Dear Family,

**VALLS: Pre-K** is a screening tool that measures young children's language and literacy development. For 4-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, the subtests for Pre-K4 include:

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 Expressive	X	X	X
	Phoneme Blending			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.

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Skill Area	Subtest	Objective	Max
<b>Alphabet Knowledge</b>	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
<b>Phonological Awareness</b>	Syllable Segmenting	Children orally divide words into syllables	10
	Beginning Sounds Expressive	Children provide the beginning sound of a word	10
	Phoneme Blending	Children listen to individual sounds, blend the sounds, and produce the word	10
<b>Language Comprehension</b>	Passage Comprehension: Passage Retell	Children are read a passage aloud and shown pictures The child retells the passage using the same set of pictures	6
	Passage Comprehension: Expressive Comprehension Questions	Children give an oral response to questions about the same passage	5
	Passage Comprehension: Receptive Comprehension Questions	Children give a non-verbal response to questions by pointing to 4 picture choices	4
<b>Emergent Writing</b>	Name Writing	Children write their name on a blank sheet of paper Writing is scored based on scribble, letter-like symbols, and correct letters	5

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## SAMPLE STUDENT

### CHILD SUMMARY - SPRING



This report lists all scores entered for the child.

Child: **Example Four Year Old**

Grade: **Pre-K4**

Teacher: **Michelle B**

School: **Example Elem**

Pre-K Language & Literacy Screener Subtests		SPRING SCORES	MAX SCORE
Alphabet Knowledge	Letter Names	39	52
	Letter Sounds	18	25
Phonological Awareness	Syllable Segmenting	9	10
	Beginning Sounds Expressive	10	10
	Phoneme Blending	9	10
Language Comprehension	Passage Comprehension: Passage Retell	4.5	6
	Passage Comprehension: Expressive Comprehension Questions	2.5	5
	Passage Comprehension: Receptive Comprehension Questions	4	4
Emergent Writing	Name Writing	5	5

Skill Development Bands			
4-Year-Old Subtest	Beginning	Growing	Strong
Letter Names	0-9	10-43	44-52
Letter Sounds	0-10	11-19	20-25
Syllable Segmenting	0-4	5-7	8-10
Beginning Sounds Expressive	0-4	5-7	8-10
Phoneme Blending	0-4	5-7	8-10