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Supplemental Spanish Phonics



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Just Right Reader Decodables: A Core Component of Literacy Development

Welcome to Just Right Reader, where our passion for literacy excellence fuels everything we do! Our decodable books are crafted joyfully and precisely by leading phonics experts and literacy researchers. We are dedicated to creating a vibrant, engaging experience that nurtures a lifelong love of reading. Just Right Reader Decodables are not just essential—they are transformative for educators, students, and families seeking to bolster literacy skills in exciting and effective ways.

Our decodable books use lively, engaging videos and vibrantly illustrated texts that captivate young minds and inspire them to read, re-read, and remain engaged. These resources are designed to seamlessly supplement any core phonics program, helping to build strong, confident readers. Each book and video is carefully tailored to support the reading journey, turning it into an adventure filled with discovery and joy.

Just Right Reader proudly promotes literacy as a foundational skill by offering equitable access to inclusive, scientifically-grounded decodable materials. Our decodables are perfect for enhancing any curriculum, providing personalized packs that meet the unique needs of each student. Just Right Reader resources do more than teach—they empower students and engage families, making the reading process a shared, enriching experience. Join us at Just Right Reader, and let's make literacy a thrilling adventure for every learner!

Program Design, Methodology, and Research

Just Right Reader English Decodables

Just Right Reader Decodables are designed with Science of Reading research to supplement structured literacy and phonics instruction. Our decodables library includes a large number of titles to support ample opportunities for interleaving phonics practice, which helps students to better retain information. The sheer number of titles provides the opportunity for content diversity, thus increasing student engagement. It also promotes active learning by encouraging students to make connections between books.

The Five Pillars of Reading

Just Right Reader Decodables leverages the Science of Reading to integrate the five pillars of reading—phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension—into each component of our curriculum, ensuring students not only learn how to read but also enjoy and understand their reading experiences.

Phonemic Awareness: Just Right Reader Decodables help students master the sounds in spoken words, which is foundational for decoding. Our materials include specific exercises focusing on sound recognition and manipulation, ensuring students can identify phonemes and blend them into words. Phonemic awareness is demonstrated through our Pre-Emergent Letter Books, Reading workouts (secret word), Word Books that support segmenting and blending, and our Elkonin Boxes.

Phonics: We provide systematic phonics instruction, demonstrating the relationship between letters and sounds through progressive, structured texts. This approach allows students to decode words systematically, building a solid base for reading proficiency. The decodables provide explicit phonics instruction, with 20% of the text focused solely on the specific phonics skill. Just Right Reader tools for teaching phonics include our scope and sequence, Elkonin Boxes, Letter Tiles, and T-Charts.

Fluency: Just Right Reader Decodables incorporate repetitive and cumulative texts to enhance reading fluency. This practice helps students read text smoothly and accurately, increasing their ability to understand and enjoy the material, which is crucial for sustained reading sessions. Our program addresses all aspects of fluency: accuracy, speed, and expression, teacher modeling of fluent reading with expression, and small group or partner reading. Our Bingo Cards also help promote reading and re-reading for fluency.

Vocabulary: Each Just Right Reader decodable has an appropriate and challenging vocabulary that builds on previous learning. This helps expand students' word knowledge and enhances their ability to grasp more complex texts. Each decodable includes new vocabulary. Our phonics videos also introduce and help students practice new vocabulary.

Comprehension: Our program emphasizes comprehension strategies through questions and activities directly connected to the text, teaching students to think critically about what they read and develop a deeper understanding. Just Right Reader materials that teach comprehension include Graphic Organizers, Reading Reviews within Just Right Reader Lesson Plans, and Reading Workouts.

An essential feature of our methodology is orthographic mapping, crucial for helping students transition from decoding words to recognizing them by sight. Orthographic mapping involves the mental process where readers form permanent word retrievals by connecting a word's pronunciation with its written form. Our decodables provide repeated exposure to consistently structured texts, enhancing reading fluency and comprehension.

Just Right Reader Decodables are designed for personalized and small-group instruction settings. They emphasize hands-on, practical learning experiences without needing a digital platform. Our comprehensive approach covers reading and integrates writing, speaking, and listening, supported by formative assessments and ongoing growth monitoring.

Lesson Plan Structure and Methodology

The Just Right Reader lesson plans are meticulously crafted to align with the Science of Reading, ensuring that each lesson is comprehensive and effective in building foundational reading skills through systematic phonics and explicit instruction. Each Just Right Reader Lesson Plan follows a structured approach to learning that supports the five areas of reading. Students are given opportunities to practice phonics skills, gain meaning from reading comprehension activities, and apply their knowledge using activities like Elkonin Boxes or Reading Bingo.

Components

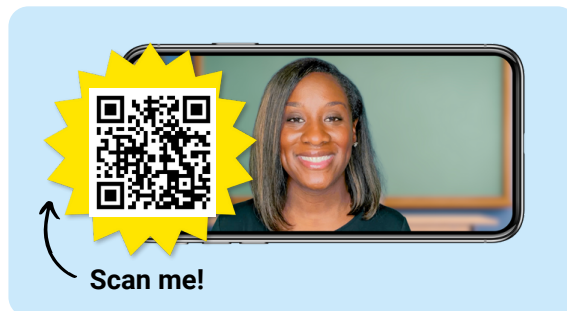
Program Materials (Print)

- Decodable Books
- Lesson Plans
- Teacher Resources
- Student Activities

Program Materials (Digital)

QR Phonics Video Lessons: Just Right Reader video lessons in English and Spanish are a core element of our decodables. These lessons are fun, engaging, and informative. They help students with explicit instruction to practice skills and sounds in each of our decodable books. These videos build a deeper understanding of how to sound out words, spell, and build comprehension related to the stories they read.

These videos are a crucial part of Just Right Reader English and Spanish Decodables because they take the guesswork out of interpreting the sounds and skills students are learning in each decodable. We've heard from parents who have started to learn how to read from our QR phonics video lessons too! These videos are quick and



easy to understand and explicitly state the skills students and families should focus on during reading. As part of our commitment to customization, we also offer these videos in various other languages, including Hmong, Urdu, Arabic, Mandarin, and Vietnamese.

Intentional Design

According to the Science of Reading, phonemic awareness is pivotal in the early stages of reading development. Just Right Reader, English and Spanish Decodables, are designed to enhance this skill, enabling students to decode words effortlessly. Our books are designed to have text in a large font and the remaining blank space so that students can easily focus on the words. Twenty percent of the words on each page are the focus skill words. The left page of each book spread includes the focus skill words, previously taught skills, and high-frequency words. The right page contains the art to help students gain meaning.

Our early decodables ensure students get alphabetic knowledge from the beginning of their reading journey. As students progress, they advance to phonological awareness, blending, segmenting, and working with high-frequency words. The progression of embedded practice, coupled with the explicit scope and sequence, builds foundational skills in the core areas of reading.

Just Right Reader Letter Books are followed by Word Books, and finally, decodable books to put these words into context. Within the decodable books, explicit instruction encourages students to practice high-frequency words.

Just Right Reader decodables are designed to interleave skill practice, offering students multiple opportunities to encounter each phonics element in an authentic reading context.

Every layer of our design process works to eliminate experience disparities that affect students' access to equitable educational materials. From our authors and illustrators to our team of editors, our decodable books go through rigorous editing stages to ensure equity in literacy. Just Right Reader is committed to creating a reality where students see themselves and their experiences represented in the books they read everyday.

Just Right Reader’s Decodables, student materials, family, and teacher resources support systematic instruction in the five essential reading skills.

✓ Diversión fonética

Piensa en una palabra que comience con cada letra de tu nombre. (por ejemplo, Pablo: P - plátano, A - avión, B - blanco, L - luz, O - oruga)

🔊 Diversión con sonidos

Juega a Estoy pensando en algo con un compañero.

- El compañero 1 dice: "Estoy pensando en algo que comienza con el sonido F".
- Nombra pistas hasta que el compañero 2 adivine.
- Intercambien los roles.

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Phonemic Awareness
(5 minutes)

1. Use picture cards to show /f/

Say: Hoy estamos escuchando palabras que comienzan con el sonido /f/.
(Show: 3 cards that begin with /f/ and 1 that does not. **Possible pictures:** Foca, fresa, fiesta, pepino, orca)

Say: Mira estas fotografías. Algunos comienzan con /f/. Tu trabajo es encontrar la imagen que no comienza con /f/. Diré el nombre de cada imagen y lo repetirás. (Show and say each picture. Students repeat.) ¿Qué imagen no comienza con /f/?

2. If students do not identify the correct picture, repeat each card

Say the name of each picture, emphasize the beginning sound, then repeat the name of the picture again. Continue with more pictures, if needed.

Ex: foca, /fff/ foca. ¿Eso comienza con el sonido /f/? ¡Sí!

Phonics Review
(5 minutes)

1. Introduce the letter Ff

Say: Veamos la letra que hace el sonido /f/. (Show the letter Ff card.) Esta es la letra F. Esta es una mayúscula F. Comienza con una línea grande hacia abajo, una línea pequeña arriba, una línea pequeña en el medio. Esta es la letra minúscula f. Curvas hacia arriba y alrededor, una línea grande hacia abajo, una línea pequeña en el medio. F hace el sonido /f/.

Say: Di la letra F conmigo mientras señalo la letra. F, f. Ahora digamos su sonido. /f/, /f/.

Phonics: Explicit, systematic instruction in new sound-spelling patterns and syllable types; strong lesson-to-text match and highly decodable practice materials; opportunities to practice decoding and encoding using new and previously learned phonics skills (Video phonics lessons, Lesson Plans, Decodable stories, and informational texts).

✓ Diversión fonética

Di una palabra de la lista de palabras decodificables del libro. Escribe las letras que escuchas combinadas (p. ej. club, escribe ct).

? Pregunta de discusión

¿Por qué crees que el autor escribió este libro?

🧩 Cognados

círculo	figuras
cubo	jungla

ABC Palabras decodificables

blanco	jungla
blancos	regla
cable	reglas
globo	tablero
globos	

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Vocabulary development: Explicit introduction of new vocabulary words before students read decodable texts.

Mejora tus destrezas fonéticas
Busca palabras con

las sílabas trabadas
bl, gl

Intenta leer estas palabras decodificables. Mira la página 15 para más palabras.

blancos

globos

Nuevo vocabulario
cuadrado: figura plana de 4 lados

¡Leamos!
Escanea el código QR para mirar un divertido video de 2 minutos sobre el libro.

Reading fluency: Explicit instruction in blending sounds; explicit introduction of new sound-symbol correspondences; opportunities to practice decoding with support and independently; opportunities for repeated exposure to new and previously learned high-frequency words and sound-spelling patterns; opportunities for repeated reading and wide reading.

Guided Practice
(5 minutos)

1. Hand out copies of the book
2. Introduce the text
Say: Este libro se llama *Un colibrí en tu jardín*. Pongan un dedo sobre la palabra con **br**. (colibrí)
3. Model text reading: Page 1
Say: Hay tres palabras con una **sílaba trabada** con **br** en esta página. Pongan un dedo sobre una de las palabras. (colibrí, libre, brisa)
Say: Lean la palabra conmigo... 'colibrí', 'libre', 'brisa'.

Say: ¡Lean la página conmigo! 'Este es un jardín de aves. Es un lugar muy grato, lleno de flores, donde un colibrí va a volar libre con la brisa'.

Reading comprehension: Teacher-directed reading comprehension activities, scaffolding tools (e.g., high-interest graphic organizers), and opportunities for written response.

Reading Review
(5 minutos)

1. Group discussion
Say: ¿Cómo se sintió Julián antes, durante y después de viajar en avión?
2. Find words in the book that have the stress in the last syllable
Students find a word and put their finger on it. When everyone has found a word, students share the word they found out loud or with a partner.

Set Number and Corresponding Book

Each book title falls in a specific set along our phonics progression, and comes with a lesson plan that is unique to that title. This structured approach ensures that the content and skills taught are appropriate for the specific stage of the reader's development.

The image shows two components: a table of phonics sets and a QR code graphic.

Kindergarten					
	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5
Letter Recognition and Two Syllable Words	Letter Books	Word books	a, m, n, p, s, l, o VC/V, CV/CV	e, r (hard), d, l, t VC, V/CV, CV/CV, VC/CV	c (hard), u, s, t, g (soft) Introduce closed syllables: V/CV, CVC, V/CVC, CV/CV, CV/CVC, VC/CV, VC/CVC
Two and Three Syllable Words	Set 6	Set 7	Set 8	Set 9	Set 10
Blends	r (middle), f, qu, c (soft), v, j, g (hard) V/CV, CVC, V/CVC, CV/CV, CV/CVC, VC/CV, VC/CVC, CVC/CV	h, ch, ll, m, k, z, w, y, x V/CV, CVC, V/CVC, CV/CV, CV/CVC, VC/CV, VC/CVC, CCV & CCVC (digraphs)	Three syllable words	Blends bl, gl	Blends br, gr
1st Grade					
Review: All Letters	Set 11	Set 12	Set 13	Set 14	Set 15
Review: Digraphs	Group 1: Review m, p, s, l	Group 2: Review r (hard), d, n, t	Group 3: Review c (hard), f, b, g (hard and soft)	Group 4: Review r (middle), f, qu, c (soft), -j-	Group 5: Review h, k, z, w, y, x
Silent Letter U	Set 16	Set 17	Set 18	Set 19	Set 20
Diphthongs	Digraphs	Silent U	Silent U	Diphthongs	Words with c/c, o/c, o/c, c/c, c/c (combining both sounds of letter c)
Contrasting Sounds	Review ch, ll, rr	gus, guí	que, qui	gúe, gúí	Words with c/c, o/c, o/c, que, qui

The QR code graphic includes the text: "Just Right Reader", "Esanea el código QR para la lección de fonética en inglés y español", a QR code, a photo of a woman, "Patentes en trámite", "¿Dónde están los coches? Set decodificable: 16 Destreza: Palabras con el digrafo ch", and an ISBN barcode: "ISBN 979-88-888370-9 9 0000 > 9 798888 883709".

Skill Set and Learning Objectives

Each lesson plan outlines the focus of phonics or reading skills, corresponding to the book's content. Learning objectives are clearly defined to align with these skills, providing targeted learning outcomes for the session. Each lesson plan includes a detailed definition of the key skills to be taught, ensuring that teachers understand the instructional focus and the expected outcomes. This is crucial for delivering content that meets the rigorous standards of the Science of Reading, emphasizing the importance of explicit instruction in phonics and reading comprehension.

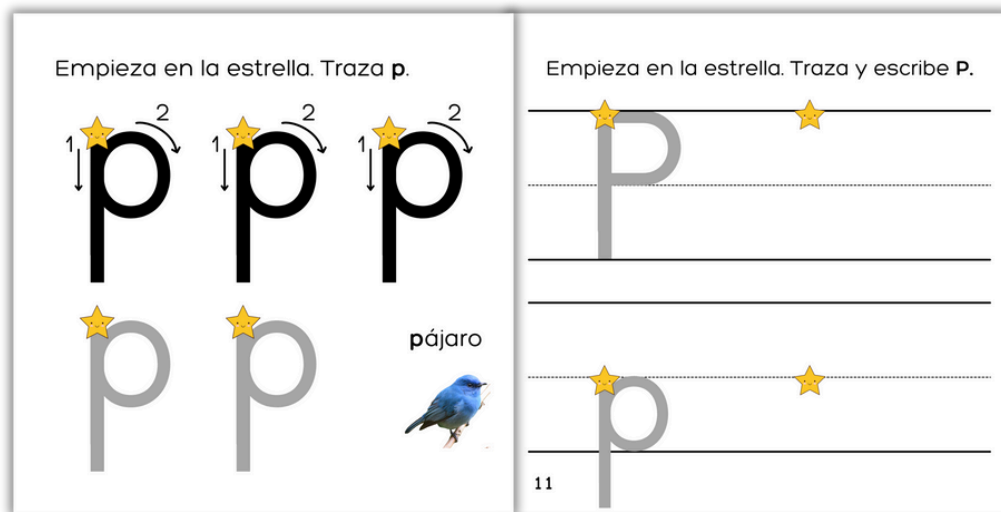
Structured Activities

- **Phonics Review:** A review of previously taught phonics rules, reinforcing earlier learning and ensuring continuity.
- **Guided Reading Practice:** Teachers lead reading sessions using the decodable book, focusing on modeling and supporting the application of the phonics skills in context.
- **Independent Reading:** Students read independently from the exact decodable text, applying the phonics skills they've learned in a more autonomous setting.
- **Reading Review:** This component helps students make meaning from the text they read by integrating comprehension strategies recommended by the Science of Reading.
- **Writing Application Exercise:** Students engage in writing activities relating to the text, allowing them to creatively use new vocabulary and syntax.

- **Differentiation:** Each lesson plan outlines strategies for differentiating instruction to meet the diverse needs of learners, ensuring that all students can access and engage with the material effectively.
- **Home Connection:** For students using Just Right Reader Take-Home Decodables, this component provides activities and tips for parents to support reading at home, enhancing the learning

Reading and Writing

Just Right Reader helps move students along the language proficiency progression through tools like our QR code video phonics lessons, speaking using phonics skills, and reading by decoding words. Our Letter Books include dry-erase writing pages that give students practice writing upper and lower case letters. Each book with writing pages also has an accompanying lesson plan that demonstrates and teaches writing skills.



Rationale Based on the Science of Reading

The Just Right Reader lesson plans are grounded in the principles of the Science of Reading, focusing on explicit phonics instruction and a systematic approach to literacy. This methodology ensures that phonemic awareness, phonics skills, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension are taught in an integrated manner that supports the development of skilled reading. By structuring lessons around decodable texts and clearly defined skill sets, Just Right Reader enables students to make meaningful connections between the phonics skills they learn and their application in real reading contexts.

Emergent Bilingual Students and Special Education

Integrating interactive elements like QR codes for accessing additional materials ensures that resources are readily available to enhance the teaching and learning process. Furthermore, the comprehensive structure of these lesson plans supports educators in delivering high-quality, research-backed instruction that effectively addresses the needs of young readers. Just Right Reader Phonics Videos are a key element to supporting Emergent Bilingual students as they help create a deeper sense of understanding and context, through relevant and engaging support. These videos are also available in other languages such as Hmong, Urdu, Arabic, Mandarin, and Vietnamese.

Flexible and Family-Friendly Use

Our decodables are versatile and can be utilized anytime additional reading support is needed—during school hours instructional time to accelerate learning, small reading groups, intervention, independent reading times, or as a choice activity after work is completed. Easily portable, our decodables also serve as a bridge between school and home, allowing for continual reading practice during breaks and vacations to prevent learning loss.

Enhancing Family Engagement and Support

We understand the crucial role of caregiver involvement in a child’s educational journey. To facilitate effective family participation, each book includes a QR code linking to a phonics lesson video, making it more accessible for caregivers to assist their children accurately. The activities at the end of each book are designed to be engaging and supportive, enriching the at-home learning experience.

Teacher Resources and Student Engagement

Just Right Reader comprehensive teacher resources include detailed descriptions of the scope and sequence, alignment with the Science of Reading, and an emphasis on student engagement. The embedded QR code phonics lesson videos keep students engaged and foster a connection between family members and their children’s reading activities at home. Additional teacher resources that can be paired with lesson plans to create a structured learning experience include, Prompting Guides, Reading Workouts, Elkonin Boxes, Letter Tiles, and Reading Bingo.

Quality and Educational Excellence

Just Right Reader Decodables enhance students' educational experience within their current grades and prepare them for future academic success. With over 700 titles spanning fictional and informational texts in English and Spanish, Just Right Reader has significantly increased reading scores and literacy rates across numerous U.S. schools and districts. Please see our **Case Studies** in the next section.

Evidence, Case Studies, References



Sequential Scope and Sequence

Our methodology for designing decodables includes multiple books in the same skill set. Each book is progressive and includes a phonics lesson that supports readers through repetition and reinforcement. Phonics instruction must integrate rigorous, research-driven content to create successful, independent readers. Our decodable books are different, opening emerging readers' neural pathways with structured practice in the context of meaningful reading. This leads to the orthographic mapping that results in confident, independent readers. Just Right Reader Decodables maximize the benefits of teaching with targeted, explicit word attack strategies with sequential, systematic decoding strategies seamlessly built into increasingly complex texts. With more than 700 titles in English and Spanish, teachers and families can differentiate practice for all learners, whether they are ready for CVC words, vowel team combinations, or the most complex words in context, including open and closed syllables.

Comprehending Grade-Level Complex Texts

Just Right Reader's progression, is designed to support students at all reading levels, including emergent and accelerated readers, and meets the learning standards of states and core ELA programs. The primary outcomes we assist with achieving include but are not limited to demonstrating independent reading through our Take-Home Decodables Program and the support of our QR phonics lessons, which support students when reading independently. Through phonics progression, texts become increasingly challenging while incorporating previously learned vocabulary and skills to reinforce college and career readiness.

Decodables Grounded in Research

Research shows that utilizing decodable texts significantly and positively impacts beginning reading skills compared to instruction with non-controlled text such as traditional literature. In addition, studies indicate that children gain self-confidence when given the opportunity to demonstrate success with decodable texts, resulting in an increase in their enjoyment of reading. Therefore, decodable texts are not only engaging and motivating for students, but most importantly they make a significant difference in teaching young children to read. (Sadlier School Professional Development Series, A Research Study on the Effects of Using Decodable Texts with Systematic Phonics Instruction. Blevins, 2019.)

Our decodables provide an authentic, structured learning experience with stories that students relate to and that motivate them to read. With books spanning a rigorous phonics continuum, students can practice skills within a range of difficulty that provides an appropriate challenge. This learning experience provides students with the confidence to excel at reading.

Explicit and Systematic Instruction

Just Right Reader supports teachers through the Science of Reading and targeted teaching combines explicit phonics instruction with active and thought-provoking practice, and develops the automaticity needed to comprehend complex grade-level text. We believe the Science of Reading best represents a structured phonics program because decoding and linguistic comprehension depend on one another. Just Right Reader Lesson Plans support teachers in creating a supplemental reading program students can achieve independently or within small groups. Our explicit English and Spanish Scope and Sequence ensure teachers follow an appropriate progression of systematic instruction. The Just Right Reader Library of Titles offers students ample opportunities for guided repetition and practice.

“When the brain encounters a word repeatedly, it builds neural networks for the spelling, pronunciation, and meaning of the word. Scientists believe a model of this word that includes the information in all these networks will eventually be formed and stored in the brain, referred to as the word form area...It is through explicit phonics instruction that these word form networks are created.” Marilee Sprenger, *Wiring the Brain for Reading: Brain-Based Strategies For Teaching Literacy*, pages 106–107.

Just Right Reader Decodables are unique because they provide students various avenues to develop background knowledge. Our print decodables and engaging phonics videos offer knowledge and mastery in a carefully developed explicit and systematic delivery.

Case Study: Fulton County Schools



Summary

During the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, Fulton County Schools transitioned to aligning their literacy instruction with the Science of Reading research.

To better support its 11 elementary turnaround schools, the district purchased Just Right Reader's Science of Reading Classroom Libraries and Take-Home Decodable Packs for every PreK to 5th Grade student, providing a set of 10 decodable books personalized to each student's phonics needs every two to three weeks throughout the school year.

“
We have an audacious goal of 95% of our students reading at or above grade level...Just Right Reader decodables are key to closing that gap.”



Cliff Jones
Chief of Staff,
Fulton County Schools

Watch Fulton County School's Science of Reading Symposium [here](#).

Implementation

Beginning in February 2022, Fulton County Schools partnered with Just Right Reader in an effort to close the literacy gap in their 11 turnaround, or lowest performing, schools and propel students towards reading proficiency. Using iReady data, Just Right Reader Take-Home Decodable Packs were purchased and differentiated for every student. Students received a new Take-Home Pack every two to three weeks with a total of 11 packs for every student. The decodable books, as well as easily accessible video phonics lessons, allowed phonics practice to extend from school into homes and strengthened partnerships with families.

In August 2022, Just Right Reader Classroom Libraries were purchased for the 11 turnaround schools. Educators supplemented their phonics instruction with engaging and relatable decodable books. The decodable books gave students an authentic reading experience as they practiced new phonics skill sets.

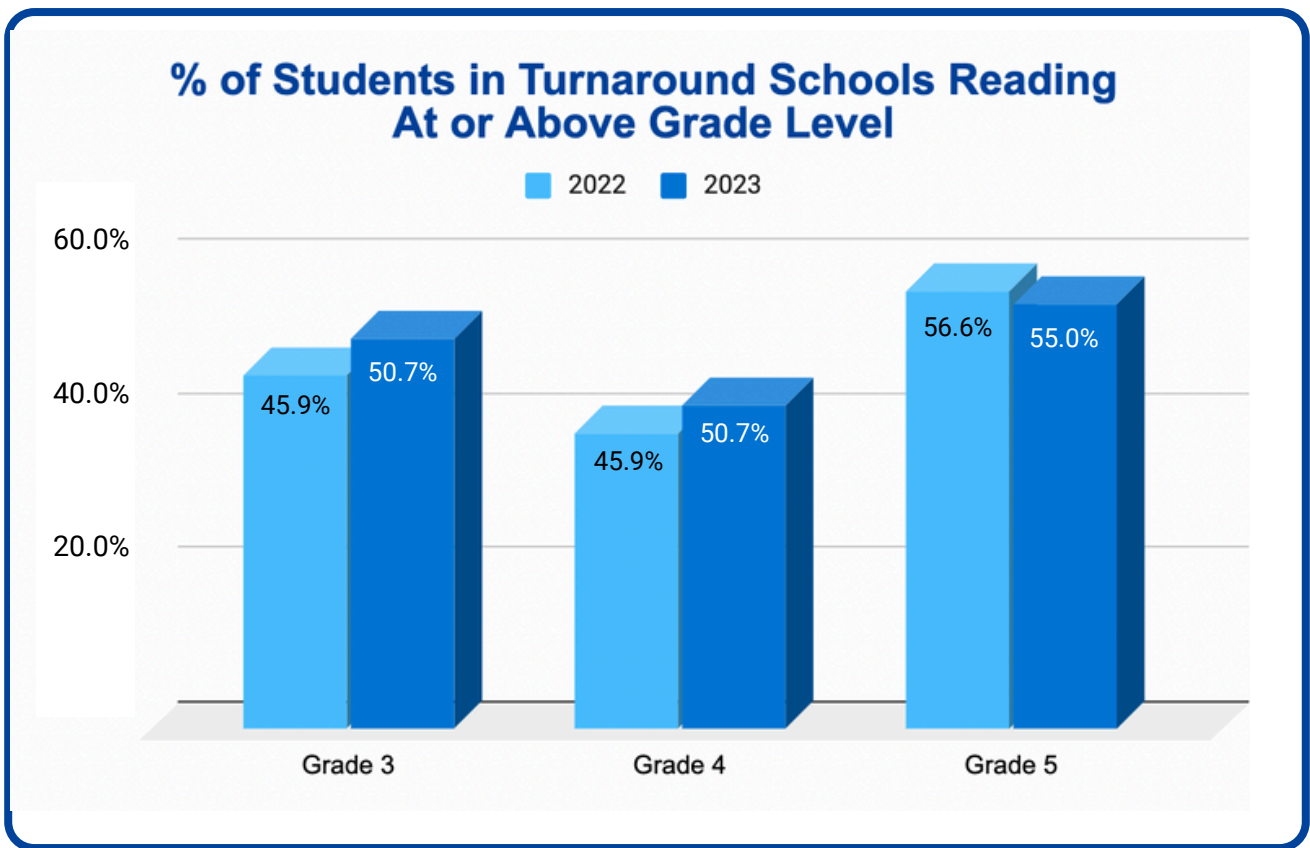


Key Findings

Fulton County Schools

- Reduced the number of turnaround schools from 11 to 4 with 49.2% of students in these schools reading at or above grade level.
- Increased the percentage of grade 3-5 students in turnaround schools reading at or above grade level by 2.3%

The following graph depicts the Georgia Milestone Assessment System (GMAS) scores for the 11 turnaround schools using Just Right Reader Science of Reading Decodables.



Learn more about [Just Right Reader Take-Home Decodable Packs](#) here.

Case Study: Mitchell Elementary, Houston ISD



Abstract

The vast majority of states have incorporated legislation and instructional practices based on the Science of Reading, research-backed understanding of how students learn to read and the best practices for effective instruction. Just Right Reader Decodables are high-quality instructional materials that align to these principles, providing authentic reading experiences that help students learn to read through explicit instruction. Many research studies have found that students with greater access to books, particularly in their homes, tend to perform better academically, are more motivated to read, and have a positive attitude towards reading. This case study shows providing free reading materials to students to expand their at-home libraries is a powerful method to supplement small-group intervention using high-quality Science of Reading decodables.

Summary

During the 2023-2024 school year, Mitchell Elementary in Houston, TX, partnered with Just Right Reader to bridge foundational literacy gaps amongst developing readers in 3rd-5th grade.

The school participated in Just Right Reader's Science of Reading Take-Home Pilot, a program providing three rounds of specially curated sets of books using student reading assessment data. Each pack contained ten decodable books mapped to a rigorous phonics progression. Forty students in grades 3-5, identified as reading two or more years below grade level, received personalized packs of decodables to meet their unique phonics needs. Literacy experts emphasize the importance of explicit reading instruction in upper elementary grades as students encounter longer multisyllabic words. At a [Just Right Reader Science of Reading Symposium](#), Dr. Laura Tortorelli, Associate Professor at Michigan State University, highlighted research underscoring the value of phonics and word study instruction in 3rd-5th grade. She shared that 65% of the unique words found in 3rd-grade texts are multisyllabic, thus emphasizing the importance of reinforcing foundational decoding skills and equipping students with strategies to decode multisyllabic words. Additionally, she presented findings suggesting that multisyllabic decoding instruction enhances word recognition, reading fluency, and confidence among students.

“The kids were really excited that they had their very own books and packages with their names on them.”

Dr. Eliabeth Castillo-Guajardo
Principal
Mitchell Elementary, Houston ISD



The pilot program provided teachers access to high-quality instructional materials for small group intervention that reinforces foundational phonics skills in addition to practice with decoding multisyllabic words. It also provided students with books to take home, enabling them to expand their at-home libraries while continuing practice decoding skills outside of the classroom.

Implementation

After recognizing the urgent need to add additional high-quality instructional materials to intervention lessons in 3rd-5th grade, Mitchell Elementary's leadership team made the decision to participate in the Just Right Reader Science of Reading Take-Home Pilot Program.

Mitchell Elementary took the following steps to ensure the program was successful:

- The leadership team collaborated with the Just Right Reader Partnerships team for a thorough onboarding meeting around using Just Right Reader Science of Reading Decodables to supplement the core literacy curriculum.
- Students were placed into groups after beginning-of-year assessment data was uploaded to Virtu, a secure and encrypted data portal. Principal Dr. Castillo-Guajardo remarked on the ease of placing students into small groups, thanks to Just Right Reader's algorithm.
- Two interventionist teachers used Just Right Reader decodables **daily** to provide lessons for each small group. Teachers led an explicit phonics lesson that included the Just Right Reader's video lesson accessible by QR code. Students then completed various reading activities corresponding to the decodable and targeted phonics skills.
- After all lessons involving that particular decodable were completed, students took the book home to continue practicing decoding skills with caregivers. Dr. Castillo-Guajardo commented that access to video lessons in English and Spanish was crucial for family engagement.

Key Findings

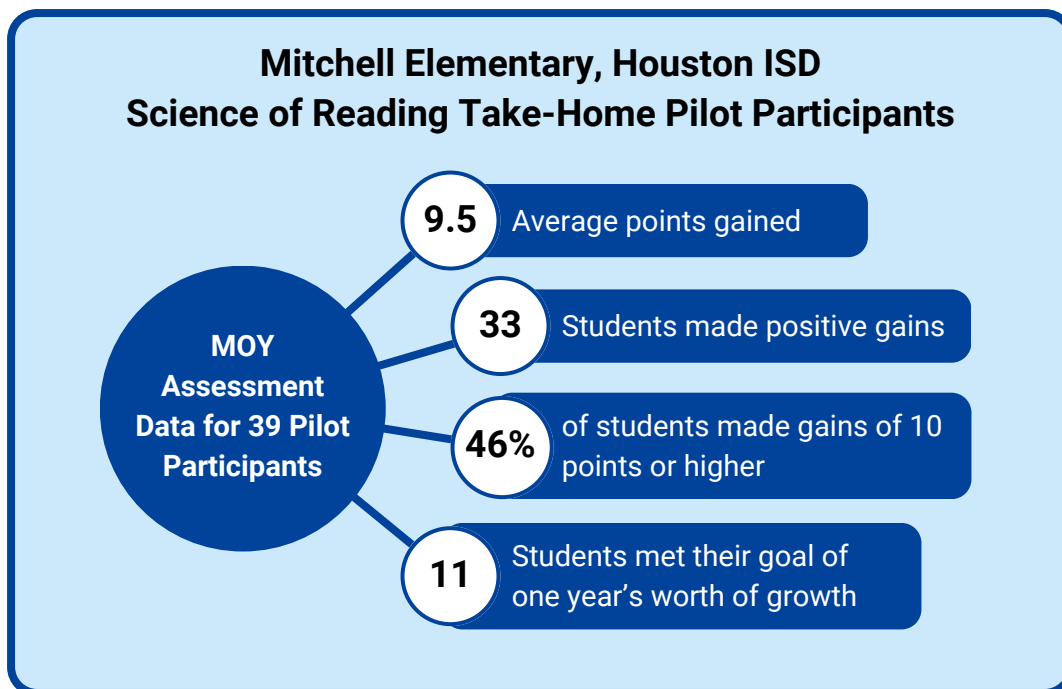
Mitchell Elementary students who participated in the pilot program:

- Demonstrated significant gains in reading skills on their mid-year assessment compared to the beginning-of-year assessment.
- Demonstrated increased confidence and eagerness to participate in small group lessons.
- Expanded their at-home libraries.

“When we first started, several students didn't want to participate in the lessons. They weren't confident. As they began to read and practice more, they became confident and excited to participate.”

Yolaine Swasey
Elementary Interventionist
Mitchell Elementary, Houston ISD

The data below reflects the middle-of-year reading assessment scores for 39 students using Just Right Reader Science of Reading Decodables. These findings are in comparison to the beginning-of-year assessment data.



Conclusion

Mitchell Elementary's partnership with Just Right Reader during the Science of Reading Take-Home Pilot proved instrumental in addressing foundational literacy gaps among developing readers in 3rd-5th grade. This partnership resulted in significant improvements in key reading skills, enhanced confidence and motivation levels, and provided both teachers and students with access to high-quality decodables.

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Take-Home Board Books for 0–36 Months

District Implementation

Phonics lessons in English and Spanish included with every book, easily accessed via a QR code.
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Phonics Curriculum Alignment Charts
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Letter Tiles in English and Spanish
Prompting Guide
Reading Workouts

Administrator Resources

Customized QR Code Phonics Lessons
Administrator Welcome Letter
Professional Development Resources

Family Resources

Take-Home Decodable Pack Caregiver Guide
Video Phonics Lessons in English and Spanish
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Your **Just Right Reader Classroom Library** is here! Our authentic and engaging decodables give students powerful phonics practice that accelerates reading achievement.

Scan the QR code for an inside look!



1 Unpack Your Library

Check the **back cover of each book for the Set Number**. Arrange your books in bins in numerical order.

2 Teach with Decodables

Use our curriculum alignments and lesson plans for easy implementation in small groups and independent practice.

Small Group Instruction

Group students by skill for targeted practice. Lesson plans include:

- ★ **Phonics Skill Review:** Reinforce the target skill.
- ★ **Guided Practice:** Follow a gradual release.
- ★ **Review and Writing:** Reinforce the skill, comprehension, and the joy of reading and writing.
- ★ **Independent Reading:** Use our Teacher Resources to meet students' unique needs.

Independent Practice

As students master phonics skills, our decodables give them the practice they need for greater fluency and comprehension. They're perfect for learning centers or independent reading!

- ★ **Identify Skills:** What phonics skills do student need to practice?
- ★ **Match Students:** Look at the back cover of each decodable. Match students with decodables that target the desired skill.
- ★ **Read, Reread, and Keep Reading:** Encourage students to read their decodables again and again.

Download Your Just Right Reader Lesson Plans!

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Scan the QR code for teacher resources:

- ★ Curriculum Alignments
- ★ Observation Tracker
- ★ Prompting Guide
- ★ Reading Activities



2 Extend Instruction Into the Home

All families can foster healthy reading habits at home. **Take-Home Decodable Packs*** and **video lessons in English and Spanish** make phonics fun and accessible for all families.

Scan the QR code on the back cover of each book to watch a phonics lesson in English and Spanish!

***Take-Home Packs** give students the personalized phonics practice they need in class and at home. Ask your administrator about Take-Home Packs for your students!



Resources for Families in English and Spanish

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Find ready-to-go resources to engage families as partners.



A Closer Look At K-2nd Grade Decodables

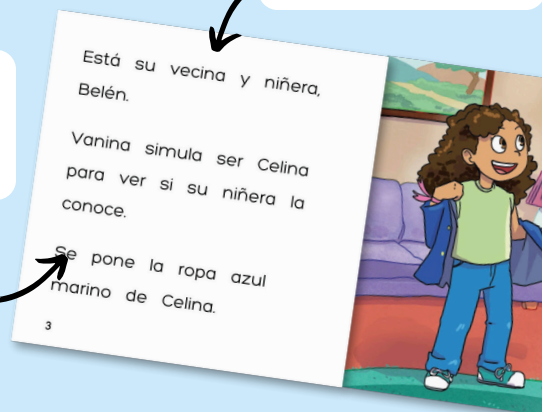


Explicit phonics practice focused on a target skill

Focus on phonetic code students have learned

Video phonics lessons reinforce phonics skills in English and Spanish

Text on a white background keeps students focused on decoding

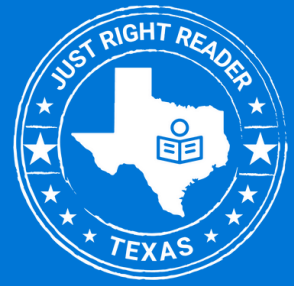


Teacher Community Group

Connect with educators across the country!



Lesson Implementation Guide for Teachers



Welcome to Just Right Reader Decodables! Our program is meticulously designed to provide a straightforward, practical approach to teaching phonics. When your Just Right Reader Decodables set arrives, it will be fully equipped with all the necessary printed materials, comprehensive directions, and support. Each set is self-contained, meaning there's no extra preparation required on your part.

Kick off your adventure by visiting our website at www.justrightreader.com. Click the Teacher Resources section where you'll find the Getting Started Guide. This guide is your first step to understanding how to use the resources effectively within your chosen program. Take a moment to explore the Unit Overview as well, which will help you grasp the layout and progression of the lessons. Don't forget to check out the additional online tools available to complement your classroom resources.

Each set of Just Right Reader Decodables includes detailed lesson plans specifically designed to correspond with the books in your set. It is beneficial to review these lesson plans in advance of your teaching sessions. These plans will guide you through each day's objectives and activities, helping you integrate the decodable books smoothly into your teaching routine.

In daily teaching, follow the structured lesson plans that outline clear learning objectives, key activities, and assessment suggestions. The lesson plans are crafted to ensure you can effectively teach the phonics skills featured in the decodable books. To enhance student engagement, use the Customized QR Code Phonics Lessons which can be accessed by scanning the QR codes provided. These multimedia resources are a great way to reinforce the learning objectives and add an interactive element to your lessons.

At Just Right Reader, we are committed to supporting educators. To further enhance your instructional skills, continue engaging with the professional development resources and training opportunities on our website. After implementing the lessons, take some time to reflect on the student outcomes and your teaching experience. We value your feedback and encourage you to participate in forums and feedback sessions available through our website to share your insights and learn from the experiences of other educators.

Just Right Reader Decodables are designed to be easy to implement, and giving you more time to focus on teaching and engaging with your students, rather than on preparing materials. Follow this guide to effectively implement a supplemental phonics program that enhances your students' reading skills through structured, systematic instruction. Welcome to our community, dedicated to creating confident and capable readers!

Progress Monitoring Guide



Alignment with TEKS and Science of Reading:

TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills): Ensure progress monitoring aligns with TEKS standards for each grade level, focusing on Reading/Beginning Reading Skills/Phonics and other relevant ELAR standards. This guide is meticulously aligned with TEKS, detailing how each segment of the guide meets state standards for Reading/Beginning Reading Skills/Phonics at every grade level. It also integrates principles from the Science of Reading, underscoring the importance of systematic phonics instruction, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary development, and comprehension strategies.

Science of Reading Principles: The progress monitoring guide should be based on evidence-based practices grounded in the Science of Reading, including systematic phonics instruction, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary development, and comprehension strategies.

Step-by-Step Guide for Monitoring Student Progress with Just Right Reader Decodables

Step 1: Setting Up

Prepare Materials: Ensure each student has their specific Just Right Reader Decodable book.

Designate Reading Area: Set up a dedicated, comfortable reading space for assessments and daily reading sessions.

Step 2: Baseline Assessment

Conduct Initial Reading: Have each student read aloud from their Just Right Reader Decodable. Record their phonics skills, fluency, and initial comprehension using the Baseline Assessment Sheet.

Skills Checklist: During the reading, use the Phonics Skills Checklist to document each student's mastery of phonics rules.

Step 3: Weekly Monitoring

Monday: Phonics Assessment

Assign a new section from the Decodable. Observe and record phonics applications on the Reading Observation Form.

Wednesday: Fluency Check

Perform a timed reading of a previously read passage.

Friday: Comprehension Assessment

Test comprehension with targeted questions from the week's passages.

Step 4: Monthly Review

- **Evaluate Progress:** At the end of each month, analyze the data from the weekly forms using a Monthly Progress Report template. Assess mastery of phonics, improvement in fluency, and depth of comprehension.
- **Adjust Reading Levels:** Based on their monthly performance, decide if students can progress to more challenging decodables.

Step 5: Engaging Parents

- **Send Home Updates:** Share a parent-friendly version of the Monthly Progress Report to inform parents of their child's reading achievements and areas for improvement.
- **Host Workshops:** Organize workshops every two months to demonstrate effective at-home reading strategies supporting phonics and fluency.

Step 6: Instructional Adjustments

- **Data Review:** Regularly review the assessment data to tailor future lessons and interventions.
- **Customize Teaching Plans:** Modify group or individual lessons based on comprehensive assessment results to meet student needs better.

Step 7: Term-End Reflection

- **Analyze Term Data:** Gather and review all progress data at the end of the year to evaluate overall student progress.
- **Plan for Upcoming Term:** Use insights from the term review to outline the next term's instructional focus, interventions, and potential progression in reading materials.

Progress Monitoring Templates & Tools

These templates are adapted to monitor Spanish phonics and reading skills in English-speaking educational environments. They address the unique aspects of Spanish phonology and orthography.

Small Group Reading Observation Form

Date		Reading Group		Book Title	
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Student Name	Observations	Next Steps What does the student need next?
		Phonics: Decoding: Fluency: Comprehension: Writing:
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		Phonics: Decoding: Fluency: Comprehension: Writing:
		Phonics: Decoding: Fluency: Comprehension: Writing:

Baseline Assessment Sheet

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade Level: _____

1. Phonics Assessment

Letter-Sound Correspondence:

- Recognizes all letter sounds
- Struggles with specific sounds (list):

Blending Sounds:

- Can blend sounds to form words in Spanish
- Struggles with blending

Segmenting Words:

- Can segment words into individual sounds
- Struggles with segmenting

2. Fluency

Words Read Per Minute: _____

Errors (note type and frequency):

3. Comprehension

Can answer 'Who' questions:

- Yes No

Can answer 'What' questions:

- Yes No

Can retell the story in sequence:

- Yes No

Can predict possible next events:

- Yes No

4. Observational Notes

Phonics Skills Checklist

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade Level: _____

Phonics Skills

Alphabet Knowledge

- Recognizes Spanish uppercase letters
- Recognizes Spanish lowercase letters

Phonemic Awareness

- Can identify initial sounds in Spanish
- Can identify final sounds
- Can identify medial sounds

Phonics Rules

- Syllable types (e.g., open: 'ma', closed: 'sol')
- Consonant blends (e.g., 'bl', 'tr')
- Diphthongs and triphthongs (e.g., 'cuent', 'cielo')
- Strong and weak vowels

Sight Words

- Recognizes grade-level Spanish sight words

Additional Observations

Specific Strengths: _____

Areas for Improvement: _____

Teacher's Initials: _____

Phonics & Fluency Monitoring Form

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade Level: _____

Focused Phonics Skills

Targeted Phonics Rule for This Week: _____

Application of Phonics Rule:

Correct Application: Yes No

Errors Observed (detail errors and contexts): _____

Engagement and Confidence

Highly Engaged Moderately Engaged Disengaged

Errors Observed (detail errors and contexts): _____

Confidence in Phonics Skills

Very Confident Somewhat Confident Not Confident

Notes on Student Interaction and Participation: _____

Fluency Assessment Details

Selected Passage for Assessment: _____

Reading Duration (1 minute):

Total Words Read: _____

Error Analysis (specify error types and frequency): _____

Fluency Development Insights

Progress in Reading Speed: Yes No

Accuracy Improvement: Yes No

Observations on Fluency Trends: _____

Words Correct Per Minute (WCPM):

Comprehension Check Form

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade Level: _____

Comprehension Analysis

Ability to Summarize Main Ideas: Yes No

Student's Summary: _____

Response to Inferential Questions: Yes No

Example Questions and Student Responses: _____

Predictive Thinking: Yes No

Predictions: _____

Depth of Content Understanding

Understanding Level: Comprehensive Partial Limited

Noted Strengths and Challenges: _____

Notes on Comprehension Strategy Application: _____

Spanish Kindergarten Unit/Module Overview



Alignment to TEKS

- **TEKS Spanish Language Arts and Reading, Kindergarten:** §128.2. Lenguaje y Lectura en Español, Kindergarten, focusing on the foundational Spanish phonics skills such as letter recognition, syllable formation, and blending as outlined in the TEKS guidelines.

Scope and Sequence Overview

- **Introduction to Spanish Phonics:** From introductory letter sounds to more complex blends and syllable formations.
- **Integration of High-Frequency Words:** Aligning with TEKS standards to support vocabulary development.
- **Development of Fluency, Comprehension, and Vocabulary Skills:** Through structured activities tailored to early Spanish literacy.

Student Expectations

2 - Knowledge and Skills Statements (KSS) 2

Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:

- 2A demonstrate phonological awareness
- 2B demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge
- 2C demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge
- 2D demonstrate print awareness
- 2E develop handwriting

Weekly Overview

Use Just Right Reader lesson plans and supplemental resources to plan for instruction.

Weeks 1-9: Letter recognition and sounds

Materials and Resources:

- Just Right Reader Decodables set 1
- Lesson plans for Decodables in set 1
- Phonics Curriculum Alignment Charts
- QR codes link to phonics videos
- Prompting Guide and Reading Workouts
- Teacher tools (Elkonin boxes and letter tiles)

Core Instruction

- Use Just Right Reader Lesson Plans for decodables in set 1.
- Integrate QR Phonics Videos into daily lessons as a multimedia tool to reinforce phonics principles in a fun and accessible way.
- Utilize dry-erase pages in decodables for writing applications and repeated practice.

Instructional Strategies

- Just Right Reader Reading Workouts
 - Phonological Awareness - Blend It
 - Decoding - Elkonin Boxes
 - Comprehension - Predictions
 - Vocabulary - 4 Steps
 - Fluency - Echo Reading
- Just Right Reader Extension Activities included on page 15 of each decodable

Weeks 10-18: Word Books

Materials and Resources:

- Just Right Reader Early Decodables set 2
- Lesson plans for the Early Decodables set 2
- Phonics Curriculum Alignment Charts
- QR codes link to phonics videos
- Prompting Guide and Reading Workouts
- Teacher tools (Elkonin boxes and letter tiles)

Core Instruction

- Use Just Right Reader Lesson Plans for decodables in set 2.
- Integrate QR Phonics Videos into daily lessons as a multimedia tool to reinforce phonics principles in a fun and accessible way.

Instructional Strategies

- Just Right Reader Reading Workouts
 - Phonological Awareness - Clapping Syllables
 - Decoding - T Chart Sorts
 - Comprehension - Sticky Reminders
 - Vocabulary - Word Analysis
 - Fluency - Reading to a Stuffie
- Just Right Reader Extension Activities included on page 15 of each decodable.

Weeks 19-24: Letters and Two Syllable Words

Materials and Resources:

- Just Right Reader Decodables sets 3-5
- Lesson plans for Decodables in sets 3-5
- Phonics Curriculum Alignment Charts
- QR codes link to phonics videos
- Prompting Guide and Reading Workouts
- Teacher tools (Elkonin boxes and letter tiles)

Core Instruction

- Use Just Right Reader Lesson Plans for decodables in sets 3-5.
- Integrate QR Phonics Videos into daily lessons as a multimedia tool to reinforce phonics principles in a fun and accessible way.

Instructional Strategies

- Just Right Reader Reading Workouts
 - Phonological Awareness - Does it Rhyme?
 - Decoding - Building Words
 - Comprehension - Mental Movie
 - Vocabulary - 4 Steps
 - Fluency - Timed Reading
- Just Right Reader Extension Activities included on page 15 of each decodable

Weeks 25-34: Two and Three Syllable Words, Blends

Materials and Resources:

- Just Right Reader Decodables sets 6-10
- Lesson plans for Decodables in sets 6-10
- Phonics Curriculum Alignment Charts
- QR codes link to phonics videos
- Prompting Guide and Reading Workouts
- Teacher tools (Elkonin boxes and letter tiles)

Core Instruction

- Use Just Right Reader Lesson Plans for sets 6-10.
- Integrate QR Phonics Videos into daily lessons as a multimedia tool to reinforce phonics principles in a fun and accessible way.

Instructional Strategies

- Just Right Reader Reading Workouts
 - Phonological Awareness - Odd One Out
 - Decoding - Secret Word
 - Comprehension - Graphic Organizers
 - Vocabulary - Word Analysis
 - Fluency - Stop Light Punctuation
- Just Right Reader Extension Activities included on page 15 of each decodable

Weeks 35-36: Cumulative Review

Materials and Resources:

- Just Right Reader Decodables sets 1-10
- Lesson plans for Decodables in sets 1-10
- Phonics Curriculum Alignment Charts
- QR codes link to phonics videos
- Prompting Guide and Reading Workouts
- Teacher tools (Elkonin boxes and letter tiles)

Core Instruction

- Incorporate decodables from previously taught skill sets in engaging review stations to reinforce phonics skills.
- Incorporate comprehensive review stations for students to review all standards.
- Give students a post-assessment of phonics skills taught during the year.

Instructional Strategies

- Just Right Reader Reading Workouts
 - Phonological Awareness - Blend It
 - Decoding - Phonics Go Fish
 - Comprehension - Predictions
 - Vocabulary - 4 Steps
 - Fluency - Echo Reading
- Just Right Reader Extension Activities included on page 15 of each decodable

Supplemental Resources

Find all teacher resources here:



bit.ly/jrr-resources

Password: JRRteacher

- **Lesson Plans for Every Decodable:** Each set includes detailed lesson plans that specify objectives, materials, and guided activities tailored to the phonics focus.
- **Phonics Curriculum Alignment Charts:** These charts help educators visualize the progression of phonics skills across the curriculum, ensuring alignment with TEKS standards.
- **Small Group Reading Observation Forms:** Essential for monitoring progress and tailoring instruction to meet the diverse needs of students.
- **Teacher Quick Start Guides:** Provide essential information and strategies to implement the phonics program effectively.
- **Letter Tiles in English and Spanish and High-Interest Graphic Organizers:** Support multilingual instruction and help organize information visually to aid comprehension.
- **Prompting Guide and Reading Workouts:** Offer cues for effective instruction and engaging activities that reinforce phonics skills.
- **Customized QR Code Phonics Lessons and Professional Development Resources:** Enhance teaching with accessible digital content and ongoing educational support.

Kindergarten Pacing Guide with Just Right Reader Decodables



This pacing guide offers a structured roadmap for systematically introducing and reinforcing grade-level phonics standards, essential for successful reading development.

Use this guide as a foundational tool for your planning, and refer to the module overview for a weekly breakdown of available resources and materials to aid in lesson planning.

Suggested Week	Phonics Skill	Just Right Reader Decodable Sets
Letter Recognition and Two Syllable Words		
1-8	Letter Books a-z	Set 1
9	Letter Books Review a-z	Set 1
10-17	Word Books a-z	Set 2
18	Word Books Review a-z	Set 2
19-20	Letters a, m, n, p, s, l, o V/CV, CV/CV	Set 3
21-22	Letters e, r (hard), d, i, t VC, V/CV, CV/CV, VC/CV	Set 4
23-24	Letters c (hard), u, b, f, g (soft), closed syllables V/CV, CVC, V/CVC, CV/CV, CV/CVC, VC/CV, VC/CVC	Set 5

Suggested Week	Phonics Skill	Just Right Reader Decodable Sets
Two and Three Syllable Words, Blends		
25-26	Letters r (middle), n, qu, c (soft), v, j, g (hard) V/CV, CVC, V/CVC, CV/CV, CV/CVC, VC/CV, VC/CVC, CVC/CV	Set 6
27-28	Letters h, ch, ll, rr, k, z, w, y, x V/CV, CVC, V/CVC, CV/CV, CV/CVC, VC/CV, VC/CVC, CCV & CCVC (digraphs)	Set 7
29-30	Three syllable words	Set 8
31-22	Blends bl, gl	Set 9
33-34	Blends br, gr	Set 10
35-36	Cumulative Review	1-10

Spanish 1st Grade Unit/Module Overview



Scope and Sequence Overview

- **Advancement in Spanish Phonics:** Transition from basic letter recognition to exploring complex phonics structures such as digraphs, silent letters, dieresis, and contrasting sounds.
- **Integration of High-Frequency Words:** Aligning with TEKS standards to foster robust vocabulary development.
- **Development of Fluency, Comprehension, and Vocabulary Skills:** Engaging activities tailored to strengthen reading fluency and comprehension in a structured Spanish literacy framework.

Alignment to TEKS

- **TEKS Spanish Language Arts and Reading, First Grade:** §128.3. Lenguaje y Lectura en Español, First Grade, focusing on the reinforcement and expansion of foundational Spanish phonics skills such as letter recognition, blends, and contrasting sounds, as outlined in the TEKS guidelines.

Student Expectations

2 - Knowledge and Skills Statements (KSS) 2

Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking—beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:

- 2A demonstrate phonological awareness
- 2B demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge
- 2C demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge

Weekly Overview

Use Just Right Reader lesson plans and supplemental resources to plan for instruction.

Weeks 1-5: Review of All Letters

Materials and Resources:

- Just Right Reader Decodables sets 11-15
- Lesson plans for Decodables in sets 11-15
- Phonics Curriculum Alignment Charts
- QR codes link to phonics videos
- Prompting Guide and Reading Workouts
- Teacher tools (Elkonin boxes and letter tiles)

Core Instruction

- Use Just Right Reader Lesson Plans for decodables in sets 11-15.
- Integrate QR Phonics Videos into daily lessons as a multimedia tool to reinforce phonics principles in a fun and accessible way.

Instructional Strategies

- Just Right Reader Reading Workouts
 - Phonological Awareness - Blend It
 - Decoding - Elkonin Boxes
 - Comprehension - Predictions
 - Vocabulary - 4 Steps
 - Fluency - Echo Reading
- Just Right Reader Extension Activities included on page 15 of each decodable

Weeks 6-15: Digraphs, Silent Letters (u), Diéresis, and Contrasting Sounds

Materials and Resources:

- Just Right Reader Decodables sets 16-20
- Lesson plans for Decodables in sets 16-20
- Phonics Curriculum Alignment Charts
- QR codes link to phonics videos
- Prompting Guide and Reading Workouts
- Teacher tools (Elkonin boxes and letter tiles)

Core Instruction

- Use Just Right Reader Lesson Plans for decodables in sets 16-20.
- Integrate QR Phonics Videos into daily lessons as a multimedia tool to reinforce phonics principles in a fun and accessible way.

Instructional Strategies

- Just Right Reader Reading Workouts
 - Phonological Awareness - Clapping Syllables
 - Decoding - T Chart Sorts
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Weeks 16-29: Blends

Materials and Resources:

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Core Instruction

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Instructional Strategies

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Weeks 30-35: Prefixes and Suffixes, Diphthongs, Compounds Words

Materials and Resources:

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Instructional Strategies

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 - Decoding - Secret Word
 - Comprehension - Graphic Organizers
 - Vocabulary - Word Analysis
 - Fluency - Stop Light Punctuation
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Week 36: Cumulative Review

Materials and Resources:

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First Grade Pacing Guide with Just Right Reader Decodables



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Suggested Week	Phonics Skill	Just Right Reader Decodable Sets
Review Letters		
1	Letters - m,p,s,l	Set 11
2	Letters - (hard), d, n, t	Set 12
3	Letter- c (hard), f, b, g (hard and soft)	Set 13
4	Letters - r (middle), ñ, qu, c (soft), v, j	Set 14
5	Letters - h, k, z, w, y, x	Set 15
Digraphs, Silent Letter U, Diéresis, Contrasting Sounds		
6-7	Digraphs ch, ll, rr	Set 16
8-9	Silent U (gue, gui)	Set 17

Suggested Week	Phonics Skill	Just Right Reader Decodable Sets
10-11	Silent U (que, qui)	Set 18
12-13	Diéresis (güe, güi)	Set 19
14-15	Words with ca, co, cu, ce, ci (contrasting both sounds of letter c) Words with ca, co, cu, que, qui (contrasting hard c and q)	Set 20
Blends		
16-17	Blends with L (pl, fl)	Set 21
18-19	Blends with L (bl, cl)	Set 22
20-21	Blends with L (gl, tl)	Set 23
22	Mixed Review: Blends with L	Set 24
23-24	Blends with R (tr, fr)	Set 25
25-26	Blends with R (br, gr, dr)	Set 26
27-28	Blends with R (cr, pr)	Set 27
29	Mixed Review: Blends with R	Set 28

Suggested Week	Phonics Skill	Just Right Reader Decodable Sets
Prefixes and Suffixes, Diphthongs, Compound Words		
30-31	Prefixes and Suffixes (des-, in-, -mente, -oso/a	Set 29
32-33	Diphthongs	Set 30
34-35	Compound Words, Graphic Accents Contrasts	Set 31
36	Cumulative Review	Sets 11-31

Spanish Second Grade Unit/Module Overview



Scope and Sequence Overview

- **Complex Phonics Structures:** Transition from fundamental phonics skills to more advanced phonological awareness, including diphthongs, triphthongs, hiatus, stress patterns, and graphic accents.
- **Integration of High-Frequency Words and Vocabulary Development:** Focus on expanding students' vocabulary through the introduction of compound words, and an emphasis on understanding and using prefixes and suffixes.
- **Enhancement of Fluency, Comprehension, and Vocabulary Skills:** Structured activities designed to strengthen reading fluency and deepen comprehension with targeted instruction in advanced phonics concepts.

Alignment to TEKS

- **TEKS Spanish Language Arts and Reading, Second Grade:** §128.4. Lenguaje y Lectura en Español, Second Grade, emphasizing the development of advanced phonics skills, including blends, multisyllabic words, and morphological elements such as prefixes and suffixes, following TEKS guidelines.

Student Expectations

2 - Knowledge and Skills Statements (KSS) 2

Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking—beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:

2A demonstrate phonological awareness

2B demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge

2C demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge

Weekly Overview

Use Just Right Reader lesson plans and supplemental resources to plan for instruction.

Weeks 1-10: Multisyllabic Words and Contrasts

Materials and Resources:

- Just Right Reader Decodables sets 32-36
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- Teacher tools (Elkonin boxes and letter tiles)

Core Instruction

- Use Just Right Reader Lesson Plans for decodables in sets 32-36.
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Instructional Strategies

- Just Right Reader Reading Workouts
 - Phonological Awareness - Blend It
 - Decoding - Elkonin Boxes
 - Comprehension - Predictions
 - Vocabulary - 4 Steps
 - Fluency - Echo Reading
- Just Right Reader Extension Activities included on page 15 of each decodable

Weeks 11-20: Diphthongs, Triphthongs, and Hiatus

Materials and Resources:

- Just Right Reader Decodables sets 37-41
- Lesson plans for the Early Decodables sets 37-41
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Instructional Strategies

- Just Right Reader Reading Workouts
- Phonological Awareness - Clapping Syllables
- Decoding - T Chart Sorts
- Comprehension - Sticky Reminders
- Vocabulary - Word Analysis
- Fluency - Reading to a Stuffie
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Weeks 21-25: Stress and Graphic Accent

Materials and Resources:

- Just Right Reader Decodables sets 42-45
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Weeks 26-35: Prefixes and Suffixes

Materials and Resources:

- Just Right Reader Decodables sets 46-50
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Core Instruction

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Instructional Strategies

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 - Decoding - Secret Word
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Week 36: Cumulative Review

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Multisyllabic Words, Contrasts		
1-2	4 syllable words	Set 32
3-4	Contrasts x /ks/, /j/, /s/, g /g/, /j/	Set 33
5-6	Contrasts gue, gui vs güe, güi, g vs j /j/	Set 34
7-8	Contrasts b vs v /b/, c, q, k /k/	Set 35
9-10	Contrasts y vs ll /y/, c, s, z /s/	Set 36
Diphthongs, Triphthongs, and Hiatus		
11-12	Diphthongs ai, au, ei, eu, oi, ou, ui	Set 37
13-14	Diphthongs ia, io, ie, ua, ue, uo	Set 38

Suggested Week	Phonics Skill	Just Right Reader Decodable Sets
15-16	Diphthongs ay, ey, oy, uy	Set 39
17-18	Hiatus aí, eí, oí, aú, eú, ía, íe, ío, úa, úe, úo	Set 40
19-20	Hiatus aa, ae, ao, ea, ee, eo, oa, oe, oo, uu	Set 41
Stress, Graphic Accent		
21	Words with stress on the last syllable	Set 42
22	Words with stress on the penultimate syllable	Set 43
23	Words with stress on the antepenultimate syllable	Set 44
24-25	Graphic Accent Contrasts	Set 45
Prefixes and Suffixes		
26-27	Prefixes des-, i-, in-, im-	Set 46
28-29	Diminutive Suffixes -ito/a, -cito/a, -illo/a	Set 47
30-31	Augmentative Suffixes -ote/a, -azo/a, -ón/ona	Set 48
32-33	Suffixes -mente, -oso/a, -ido/a	Set 49
34-35	Suffixes -ado/a, -ción/sión	Set 50
36	Cumulative Review	Sets 32-50



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