

INSTRUCTIONS for *On Track Reader* PARENTS



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Thanks so much for your interest in helping your child learn to read. The life-skill of reading can change a child's future. We have put together information and resources to help you help your child be a better reader. The resources are all available for download and/or viewing online.

Resources:

Visit **ontrackreader.com** and view **Resources** web page.

1. **Parent training session** with Dr. Marcia Kosanovich, lead developer of resources used by On Track Reader.
2. **Student Activity Plan** is a guideline to follow that consists of a sequence of activities by grade level.
3. **Ontrackreader.com** website with links to teacher guides, student activities, videos, calendars, etc.
4. **Teacher Guides** to assist in helping families support literacy.

The Georgia Department of Education partnered with the Regional Educational Laboratory Southeast (REL Southeast) to create a suite of grade specific Teacher's Guides that can be used with families to encourage and facilitate literacy support for children in the home and in tutoring programs.

- a. A **Kindergarten Teacher's Guide** to SUPPORTING FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN FOUNDATIONAL READING SKILLS
 - b. A **First Grade Teacher's Guide** to SUPPORTING FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN FOUNDATIONAL READING SKILLS
 - c. A **Second Grade Teacher's Guide** to SUPPORTING FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN FOUNDATIONAL READING SKILLS
 - d. A **Third Grade Teacher's Guide** to SUPPORTING FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN FOUNDATIONAL READING SKILLS
5. **Videos** that model the student activity with parent and/or tutor interaction. 2-5 minutes each.
 6. **FCRR Student Center Activities**

A team of researchers and teachers at Florida Center for Reading Research at Florida State University collected ideas and created Student Center Activities for use in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms. The activities are designed for students to practice, demonstrate, and extend their learning of what has already been taught, sometimes with teacher assistance and sometimes independently.

Kindergarten and First Grade Student Center Activities
Second and Third Grade Student Center Activities

A Sample Session Using On Track Reader Materials

Student Activity Plan

- The parent/grandparent/caregiver/older sibling can select an activity from the Student Activity Plan on the ontrackreader.com website and read through the key points about the video, watch the video, and, with help from the child, prepare the activity materials. This would include printing a hard copy of the activity and, perhaps, cutting out components of the activity.
- The Student Activities take between 5 and 25 minutes of time per activity to conduct. Most activities are fun with game-like features.

Length of Activity

- The length of time with the student will vary depending on the activity chosen for that day. Some days you may complete an activity from the Teacher Guides, another day you might complete an activity from the FCRR Student Center Activities, another day you may simply read to the child using CROWD or you may have them read to you. Don't worry if you miss a day now and then, but make it a priority and a fun time to spend with your child. Plan on a duration of 15-20 minutes.

More About the Student Activity Plan

The Student Activity Plan gives a sample sequence to follow with your student. Remember, the student may be having difficulty with a reading skill from a previous grade level. So, if you determine that a second grader needs help with Middle sounds, and Ending Sounds, you might go to a First Grade Activity that covers that topic. Also, Second and Third Grade Activities do not include Phonological Awareness activities, but there are many in the Kindergarten and First Grade Student Activity Plans.