

INSTRUCTIONS for *On Track Reader* TUTORS



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Thanks so much for your interest in helping a 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 to be a successful tutor. The resources are all available for download and/or viewing online.

Resources:

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

1. **Tutor 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.

A suite of grade specific Teacher's Guides that can be used with families has been created 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

Calendar for School Year

We have divided the school year into three sessions (Fall, Winter, and Spring). Each session contains 10 to 13 meetings between tutors and students. Tutoring sessions do not meet during school holidays or during snow days. It works best if a tutor is available all (or most) days of a session (For example, a tutor travels to a warmer climate during the winter months, but is available in the Fall and/or Spring sessions).

A Typical Day at On Track Reader

- Resource room opens at 1 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays when tutoring is in session.
- Students arrive by bus approximately 3:30 PM.
- 3:30 - 4:15 PM
 - Book Mark staff provides student's with a **healthy snack** and bottled water.
 - While the student enjoys the snack, the tutor engages with the student and begins an activity.

Some examples of activities are:

- **I Read To You** using CROWD strategies (Use books from On Track Reader library)
- **You Read to Me** using CROWD strategies (Use books from On Track Reader library)
- **Student Activity** from REL (contained in folders in Resource Room)
- **Walking through Book Mark** discussing books – please don't be distracted by puzzles and games.

You, as the tutor, will select the activities most beneficial to the student based on assessments provided by the school and assessments given by On Track Reader.

- 4:10 PM Tutors presents "**Book Buck**" to student and activities are completed and put away.
- 4:15 PM **StoryTime** - Tutor, author, or special guest reads to student from a book selected by reader.
- 4:30 PM **Parents pick up** students.

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.