

Book Handling and Print Tracking

Name: _____ Date: _____ Grade: _____

Behaviour	Prompt	Observation
• orients any new book appropriately (right way up)	• Let's put it the right way up (model)	
• quickly turns to the front cover	• Let's go to the front of the book. (model)	
• points to print when reading early reading materials	• Let's look at the words (model)	
• consistently turns pages from the front cover to the back	• Let's go this way through the book (model)	
• finds the first page in the book	• We start to read here (model)	
• consistently points to left pages before right pages	• This page first. (model)	
• knows where to start reading on each page when the text lay-out is consistent	• Where do you start? (points to first word)	
• consistently tracks print from left to right along a line	• Let's point to the words as you read them.	
• accurately return sweeps to a new line with no finger support	• Let's go to the first word on the next line. (model.)	
• tracks over 2-3 lines of print	• Remember to look at the words below the picture.	
• tracks print above and below illustrations	• Point with your finger. Did your finder match each word?	
• matching word by word when reading	• Were there enough words? • Did you run out of words?	
• changes from word-by-word matching with a finger to eye-voice matching	• Try reading the words with just your eyes	