Word Recognition

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Behaviours and Strategies	Prompts	Observations
Phonological and Phonemic Awareness		
• joins in with rhythmic poems and songs	• Let's read (sing) this together.	
• recognizes rhymes	• Can you hear which words rhyme?	
• generates rhymes orally	• Can you think of some words that rhyme with?	
 claps/chants/sings syllables in familiar names and objects 	• Let's clap (sing/say) this word in parts.	
• orally segments some one-vowel words into onsets and rimes (e.g., b-ake)	• Let's speak slowly. It sounds like t–op. Can you hear the first part? Can you hear the last part?	
• orally slows down speech to segment sentences into words (e.g., I–can–see–my–house): may be inconsistent	• Let's say the words as slowly as a snail and hear all the sounds.	
• orally stretches some words into phonemes (e.g., d–o–g)	• I'm going to say the words as slowly as a snail and hear all the sounds.	
• orally blends some phonemes into words (e.g., d–o–g=dog)	• I'm going to say the word slowly. Can you slide the sounds together and tell me the word?	
Letter Knowledge		
• recognizes the letter that starts his or her first name	 Where have you seen that letter before? (may be the first letter in the child's name) You keep seeing the "s" (or another letter) everywhere. 	
• recognizes many uppercase letters (15–26)	 Can you tell me the letter names? Do you know the sound that letter makes? Can you tell me a word that starts with the same letter? 	
• recognizes many lowercase letters (15–26)	 Can you tell me the letter names? Do you know the sound that letter makes? Can you tell me a word that starts with the same letter? 	
High-Frequency Words		
 recognizes his or her own name and some of his classmates' names 	 Can you show me where it says —'s name? Whose name is that? 	

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• recognizes some words around the classroom (on charts, poems, and labels)	 What is that word? How does that label help us? What does it say? 	
 recognizes some high-frequency words 	 Is that a Word Wall word? Does it look right? Where do you see it on the Word Wall? 	
Word Solving and Building		
 associates sounds to some consonants, especially beginning letters in words 	 What sound does that letter make? Get your mouth ready to say the first sound. What sound would you expect at the beginning of the word? 	
• notices the same letter, or similar patterns in words (e.g., "It starts like my name" and "It's a bit like 'no' (go)."	 Do you see a part you know? Do you know a word with the same chunk in it? 	
Language Predictability		
• uses picture cues and context to work out some word meanings in Read Alouds and Shared Reading	Does that make sense?Is that a word you know?	
• predicts meaningful words when cloze gaps are left in Shared Reading or when difficult words are encountered in Guided Reading	Does that sound right?Can you say it that way?	
• predicts grammatically appropriate words when cloze gaps are left in Shared Reading or when difficult words are encountered in Guided Reading	Does that sound right?Can you say it that way?	
• uses initial letter cues to check word predictions in Shared Reading and Guided Reading	 Does that check out? Look at all the letters. Now does it make sense, sound right, and look right? 	
• uses language strategies (e.g., reads ahead and rereads) to support predictions for unfamiliar words in context (if the student has progressed into Guided Reading)	 Look at the picture to see what would make sense. Does that fit with the rest of the story? 	