

Guidelines for Scoring the Pre-K Phonemic Awareness Assessments

The two assessments were created by Literacy Resources, Inc. to align to the Phonemic Awareness curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten classrooms, written by Dr. Michael Heggerty & Christine Turso, entitled, *Phonemic Awareness: The Skills That They Need to Help Them Succeed*. The skills assessed also align to the Early Learning and Development Standards for the state of Illinois.

The assessments can provide parents and teachers with data at the beginning of the preschool year to measure growth to the end of the school year. The information gathered from the assessments is meant to inform the teacher's instruction, as the Phonemic Awareness curriculum is implemented daily within the classroom literacy block. A strong understanding of phonemic awareness is essential as students develop their decoding and encoding skills.

Assessment #1: Beginning of the School Year Administration			
Phonemic Awareness Skill	Pre-Developing	Developing	Age-Appropriate
Alphabet Recognition: Uppercase Letters:	0 correct	1-13 correct	14-26 correct
Alphabet Recognition: Lowercase Letters:	0 correct	1-13 correct	14-28 correct
Letter Sound Identification	0 correct	1-13 correct	14-26 correct
Rhyme Recognition	0 correct	1-5 correct	6-10 correct
Onset Fluency: Identify Initial Phonemes	0 correct	1-5 correct	6-10 correct
Blending Compound Words & Syllables	0 correct	1-5 correct	6-10 correct
Segmenting Compound Words & Syllables	0 correct	1-5 correct	6-10 correct
Identifying Final Sounds in Words	0 correct	1-5 correct	6-10 correct
Print Concepts	0 yes	1-6 yes	7-11 yes

Assessment #2: End of the School Year Administration			
Phonemic Awareness Skill	Pre-Developing	Developing	Age-Appropriate
Alphabet Recognition: Uppercase Letters:	0-5 correct	6-19 correct	20-26 correct
Alphabet Recognition: Lowercase Letters:	0-5 correct	6-19 correct	20-28 correct
Letter Sound Identification	0-5 correct	6-19 correct	20-26 correct
Rhyme Recognition	0-3 correct	4-6 correct	7-10 correct
Onset Fluency: Identify Initial Phonemes	0-3 correct	4-6 correct	7-10 correct
Blending Phonemes into Words	0 correct	1-5 correct	6-10 correct
Segmenting Words into Phonemes	0 correct	1-5 correct	6-10 correct
Identifying Final Sounds in Words	0-3 correct	4-6 correct	7-10 correct
Adding & Deleting Phonemes	0 correct	1-5 correct	6-10 correct
Substituting Phonemes	0 correct	1-5 correct	6-10 correct
Print Concepts	0-3 yes	4-6 yes	7-11 yes