

Phonics Instruction: What to Look For

As you observe in classrooms and examine lesson plans and class schedules, ask the following questions about what you see, hear, and read:

1. Do kindergarten teachers facilitate the development of phonemic awareness as well as the other early reading concepts?

Frequently Occasionally Rarely Never

Comments:

2. Do primary-grade teachers emphasize meaning vocabulary and comprehension as well as phonics?

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3. Do primary-grade teachers include a variety of kinds of text in their reading instruction?

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4. Do primary-grade teachers include both decoding and encoding activities as part of their phonics instruction?

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5. Do upper-grade teachers include instruction in morphology?

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