A robust phonics toolkit including:

• Teaching schedules, routines, and lessons
• 250+ whiteboard activities
• Ongoing assessment

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With *Teaching Phonics*, Wiley Blevins has created a research-based resource that has the comprehensiveness to serve as a formal phonics program and the flexibility to augment any curriculum. Teachers can deliver the lessons and activities in sequence, benefiting from the binder’s recurring routines and direct and explicit language. Or they can dip in and out as needed, using the assessments and activities for small-group differentiated instruction or individual interventions. The binder is designed to be versatile in its use and applicable to any scope and sequence.

Just as important, *Teaching Phonics* brings a sense of fun and collaboration to K–3 literacy learning. The ready-to-use stories, games, and activities offer children high-interest ways to learn. And the 250+ whiteboard activities bring a fresh, full-color interactivity to teaching and learning that will engage any young learner. You’ll quickly discover that there’s no better resource for helping build the early skills young children need to become confident and successful readers.

**INCLUDES:**

- Sample teaching schedules, research-based lessons, and instructional routines
- CD with 250+ interactive whiteboard activities
- 68 units that focus on essential alphabet, phonics, and word study skills
- Activities for whole-class, small-group, and independent practice
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- Phonemic awareness, alphabet, and phonics assessments
- Guiding principles to help support English language learners

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we need this program when our basal already has a phonics strand?

Your teachers can use Teaching Phonics as an enrichment resource for on- and below-level students or as an acceleration for above-level students. The reproducible student pages and 250+ interactive whiteboard activities provide engaging opportunities for targeted practice. Teachers can assign the ready-made learning centers or independent practice pages for homework or use them for reteaching and remediation.

Is Teaching Phonics research based?

Yes, the materials in this resource offer a research-based, systematic, and explicit approach to phonics instruction. It’s a systematic program in that the materials can be used in sequence. It’s explicit because the lessons provide teachers with direct and actual language to use while teaching.

Will this program help us meet the Common Core State Standards?

Absolutely, and your specific state reading and language arts standards, too. For more information, see page 10.

Does Teaching Phonics support guided reading?

Teaching Phonics is an ideal resource for guided reading classrooms. Learn how on page 11.

Are there assessments so we know the instruction is working?

Yes, an assessment is provided for each major set of skills in the binder (for example, short-vowel assessment, long-vowel assessment). Teachers can administer the assessment after finishing that section to determine if students are ready to take on the next set of skills. The assessments can also be used to determine where in the materials to start individual students.

Can we use this program in PreK–K classrooms?

If you’re looking for extended letter-work instruction only, your teachers should consider using Teaching the Alphabet, PreK–K, instead (see back cover). For kindergarten teachers who want to make the transition to decodable, connected text as quickly as possible, Teaching Phonics is a better match.

How do we use this program in first grade? Or second grade? Or third grade?

Most first graders are ready to jump right in to simple decoding so teachers can start with the short-vowel lessons. Grade 2 teachers may want to quickly review previously taught skills, then assist students in making the transition from reading one-syllable to multisyllabic words. By third grade, teachers can focus attention on word study with lessons that include the six syllable types or use the resource to deliver small-group instruction for students who are struggling.

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First come the ABC’s…

Alphabet lessons and routines that build skills and automaticity

To become skilled readers, children must be able to identify words quickly and accurately. And to do that, they need to learn the most common sound-spelling relationships, beginning with the alphabet. The 27 alphabet units in Teaching Phonics follow an explicit six-step process to guide teachers as they introduce students to letter-sound relationships and basic alphabet-recognition and decoding skills. This is just a sampling of what comes with each unit. Opportunities for writing practice, picture-sound sorts, and storybooks are also available as interactive whiteboard activities on the CD (see pages 8–9).

Teaching Phonics’ explicit six-step process for teaching the alphabet:

1. **PRACTICE PHONEMIC AWARENESS.**
   
   Each unit begins with a lesson routine page that offers explicit guidelines and language for introducing the target letter-sound, including word lists to be read out loud and suggestions for demonstrating how the letter-sound is made.

2. **TEACH THE LETTER/NAME SOUND.**
   
   Teaching tips describe how to connect each letter to a mnemonic chant that emphasizes the letter-sound connection.

3. **WRITE THE LETTER.**
   
   On a practice page, students write upper- and lowercase forms of each letter, both in formal instruction and guided practice. The lesson routine page provides tips for contrasting the target letter with similar-looking letters.
4 SORT BY LETTER/SOUND.
Picture-sound sorts enable children to explore letter-sound relationships in both unstructured and structured ways. The lesson routine page offers suggestions on different ways to sort the cards.

5 CONNECT TO READING.
Simple, patterned storybooks highlight target skills and utilize a few high-frequency words—students’ first introduction to reading.

6 EXTEND LETTER KNOWLEDGE.
Additional activities are available as needed, including picture patterns, learning centers, and independent activities for use during small-group differentiated instruction time or as homework.

Don’t forget to assess!

Available both in the binder and on the CD as PDFs, the phonemic awareness and alphabet assessments contain a series of subtests, allowing for overall and individual sub-skill area scores. Also included are explicit guidelines on how to prepare and administer the tests, along with record-keeping forms.
Then come phonics and word study...

Phonics lessons and routines that jumpstart reading

Once students have mastered the alphabet, the focus is on building phonics and word study skills. An explicit nine-step process leads teachers through each of the 27 phonics units, including short vowels, consonant blends and digraphs, long vowels, and complex vowels. They’re followed by 14 word study lessons, which vary slightly and include only seven steps. Interactive stories and activities are also available on the CD for your whiteboard (see pages 8–9). As always, teachers should choose those activities that interest them or best complement their instructional needs.

Teaching Phonics’ explicit nine-step process for teaching phonics and word study:

1. **INTRODUCE THE SOUND-SPELLING.**
   Each unit begins with a lesson routine page that provides explicit guidelines and language for introducing the target sound-spelling or word study skill.

2. **MODEL BLENDING.**
   Teaching tips model how to use the target sound-spelling to blend words, using a small set of decodable words.

3. **BLEND WORDS.**
   This carefully constructed practice opportunity asks students to apply their understanding of the new sound-spelling or word study skill, with the help of high-utility words containing the target phonics skill.

4. **BUILD WORDS.**
   Letter cards for building a particular set of words offer a structured method for helping students go from one word to another as they consider the sound and spelling difference between two very similar words.
Words sorts provide structured and unstructured opportunities to explore sound-spelling relationships with common spelling patterns.

These activities guide students as they connect their new reading skills to writing through structured dictation.

Simple stories and poems highlighting the target skill enable students to use their growing phonics knowledge to decode words. Follow-up questions check their comprehension, including students’ ability to identify words in the text with target sound-spellings.

Speed drills are a motivating way for students to practice reading high-utility words containing the target skill until periodic timing proves they can read with fluency.

Ready-made learning centers and independent activities can be assigned as needed for group work, seatwork, or homework for skills practice.

All of the phonics assessments—available both in the binder and on the CD as PDFs—are real-world reading tests, with explicit guidelines for teachers on how to prepare and administer the tests along with record-keeping forms. There’s also a Comprehensive Phonics Survey, a nonsense-word reading test to confirm findings in the other assessments.
Interactive whiteboard activities that bring a fresh spin to learning

With its large display and countless opportunities for collaborative learning, an interactive whiteboard is a dynamic new way to bring phonics instruction and practice to life. Many of the activities in Teaching Phonics are available on the companion CD for use on your interactive whiteboard or computer; just look for the icon: \[ IWB \]. The activities have all been carefully designed for use during whole-group and small-group instruction. They’re also ideal for partner practice during classroom center time. Whether your teachers are first-time users or seasoned pros, they’ll quickly discover the interactive whiteboard activities couldn’t be easier to use.

A closer look at some of the whiteboard activities in a typical lesson:

**MAIN MENU**
Click on the activity title to go to that whiteboard activity page.

**BUILD WORDS**
Teaching notes guide you step by step through the lesson.
SOUND-SPELLING WORD SORT
A sample self-correcting drag-and-drop sorting activity.

SPELL WORDS
An answer key lets children check their work instantly.

INTERACTIVE STORY
The Pen function lets children interact with the text by circling words containing the target phonics skill.

LEARNING CENTER
These games and activities often include interactive spinners, number cubes, timers, and stopwatches.
With correlations to help meet your state standards...  

Teaching Phonics is the perfect resource for helping teachers meet—and exceed—the goals of the rigorous standards in these critical primary years. There’s a recommended scope and sequence for each grade, based on a careful review of state standards and existing basal scopes and sequences, as well as the CCSS Foundational Skills for Reading.

Suggested sequences and correlations are provided for all of the primary grades: Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, and 3. Below is a partial sample from Grade 2.

**Grade 2: Suggested Sequence**

The focus in Grade 2 is building mastery/fluency with the skills taught in Grade 1, and applying these skills to increasingly larger numbers of multisyllabic words and more complex texts.

**Short Vowels**
- a, i, o, e, u
- Review.

**Consonant Blends and Digraphs**
- s-blends, l-blends, r-blends, digraph sh, digraph wh, digraphs ch/tch, digraph th, digraph ph, digraphs ng/nk
- Review and apply these skills to previously taught short-vowel words.

**Long Vowels**
- final e, long a, long e, long o, long i, long u
- Review long vowels.

**Complex Vowels**
- r-controlled vowels er, ir, ur
- r-controlled vowels ar, or, ore
- diphthongs ou, ow
- diphthongs oi, oy
- variant vowels oo
- variant vowels a, au, aw
- r-controlled vowels are, air, ear
- Review complex vowels.

**Word Study**
- plurals, inflectional ending -ed, inflectional ending -ing, contractions, inflectional endings with spelling changes, compound words, prefixes, suffixes, closed syllables, open syllables, consonant + le syllables, vowel-team syllables, r-controlled syllables, final-e syllables

**Grade 2: Sample State Standards**

**Phonics and Word Recognition**

3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words
   - a. Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled one-syllable words.
   - b. Know spelling-sound correspondences for additional common vowel teams.
   - c. Decode regularly spelled two-syllable words with long vowels.
   - d. Decode words with common prefixes and suffixes.
   - e. Identify words with inconsistent but common spelling-sound correspondences.
   - f. Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

**Fluency**

4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
   - a. Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.
   - b. Read on-level text with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.
   - c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.
... and valuable phonics support for guided reading classrooms

Teaching Phonics’ lesson routines, activities, and centers are all a perfect fit for guided reading classrooms. Teachers can use the lessons to preteach the phonics skills students will encounter in that day’s guided reading, then assign word work and other reading and writing activities for independent practice while they meet with guided reading groups. There are also correlations recommending the skills most appropriate for each guided reading level.

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Also by Wiley Blevins:

**Teaching the Alphabet, PreK–K**

A Flexible, Systematic Approach to Building Early Phonics Skills

To learn our all-important sound-spelling system, young children need instruction that is purposeful, connected, and engaging. And it all begins with learning the ABC’s. *Teaching the Alphabet, PreK–K*, contains a wealth of print and digital resources for teaching the basic alphabet-recognition and decoding skills children need to understand how our written system of English works. It’s ideally suited for PreK–K teachers who want to focus on—or offer extra practice in—letter-work instruction.

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