

From Sounds to Spelling®

Background Information

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From Sounds to Spelling® is a research-based phonics program for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade that is grounded in Science of Reading best practices. The program addresses phonological awareness and phonemic awareness, phonics (decoding and encoding), and high frequency words. Instruction in these skills is key to implementing Structured Literacy, an approach shown to be effective for all learners, including those with dyslexia.

Program access is purchased by license; each teacher uses their unique login information to access videos and PDFs in our convenient online portal. Hard-copy materials are also available for purchase.

Key program features include:

- Systematic scope and sequence
- Complete lesson plans with explicit, scripted instruction that includes phonemic awareness; letter-sound relationships; decoding one-syllable and, when appropriate, multisyllabic words; spelling; high frequency words; reading decodable text; dictation; and more
- Optional handwriting component
- Embedded videos in our online portal to help teachers effectively implement the lessons
- Guidance in customizing lessons and routines to meet students' needs and teachers' schedules
- Multisensory routines
- Printable posters and visual aids
- Printable materials, including games and decodable texts, to be used with the lesson plans and for additional practice (e.g. in literacy centers)
- Elements of vocabulary and comprehension (note that FSTS is not a comprehensive vocabulary and comprehension program)
- Pre-test / placement test for placing students in the program and monitoring growth
- Weekly dictation assessments
- End-of-unit and end-of-program assessments
- Family letters to build home-school connections

From Sounds to Spelling® offers these benefits to educators:

- Practicality of implementation: the program was developed with input from hundreds of teachers
- Ease of access to materials: teachers find the “one PDF per week” format to be highly convenient
- On-demand professional development: 24-7 access to videos in the online portal that help teachers understand the “why” behind instructional activities
- Peace of mind: with instructional activities that are engaging for students and lead to high achievement in literacy

Learn more about the program and its impact on student achievement here: <https://www.fromsoundstospelling.com/>