

Reading Recovery: Basic Facts



"Reading Recovery is the best evidence yet of the direct link between good design and education excellence."
- K.G. Wilson and B. Daviss

Goal

The goal of Reading Recovery is to dramatically reduce the number of first-grade students who have extreme difficulty learning to read and write and to reduce the cost of these learners to educational systems.

What

Reading Recovery is a highly effective short-term intervention of one-to-one tutoring for low-achieving first graders. The intervention is most effective when it is available to all students who need it and is used as a supplement to good classroom teaching.

Who

Reading Recovery serves the *lowest-achieving first graders*—the students who are not catching on to the complex set of concepts that make reading and writing possible.

How

Individual students receive a half-hour lesson each school day for 12 to 20 weeks with a specially trained Reading Recovery teacher. As soon as students can meet grade-level expectations and demonstrate that they can continue to work independently in the classroom, their lessons are discontinued, and new students begin individual instruction.

How parents can help:

- Read every day!
 - Encourage your child to think of ways to help him/herself
 - Encourage your child to think about the story
 - Look for chunks or parts in words
 - Use the initial letter of the word
 - Reread from the beginning of the sentence
 - Look at the picture
- "What can you try?"*
"Does that make sense?"
"Do you see a little word?"
"Get your mouth ready"
"Try that again."
"Can the picture help you?"

Websites

<http://readingrecovery.org>

