



OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION State Systemic Improvement Plan

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Phonemic Awareness

What is a phonemic awareness?

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Who needs phonemic support?

Students who have not yet learned to sound out words should continue to practice with phonemic sound cards.

How is this different than phonics?

Phonemic awareness are about strictly phonemes (sounds).

Phonics is the connection between phonemes and their written representation (graphemes).

Family Connection

The ability to notice, think about, and work with phonemes in words is a critical skill for students to be able to master literacy skills.

What is my school doing this month with this plan?

K-3 teachers are working to broaden their understanding of effective interventions and activities they can use to support children in their literacy skills.

Phonemes Video

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