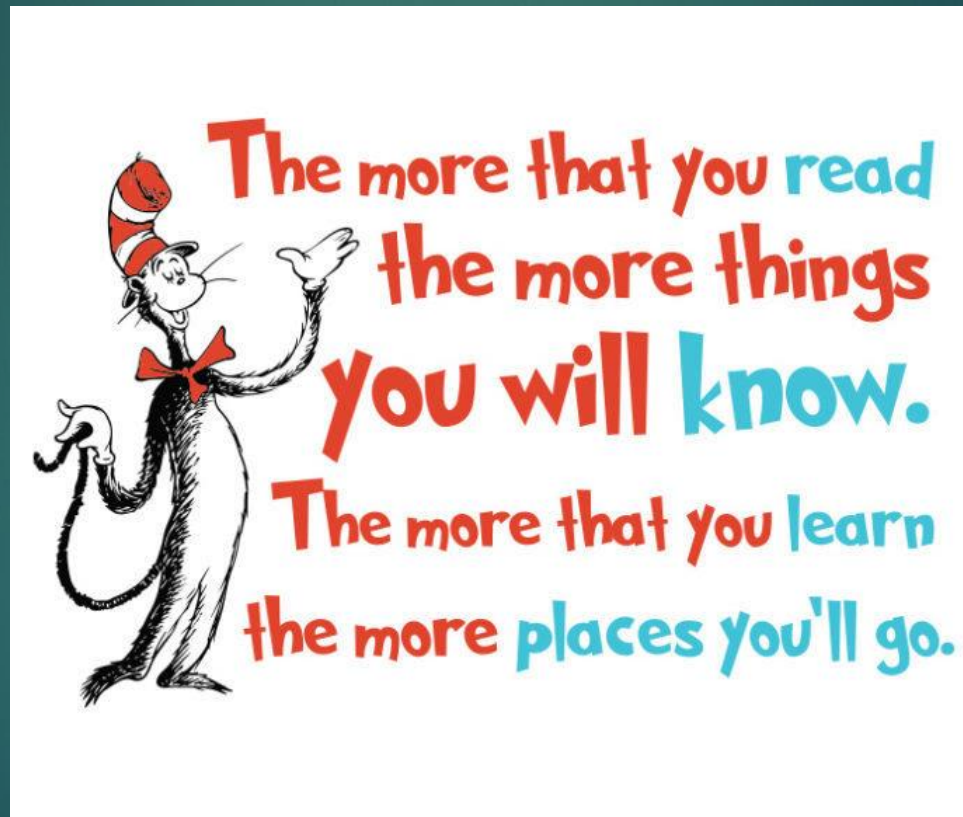


Reading Recovery in SD61










What is Reading Recovery?



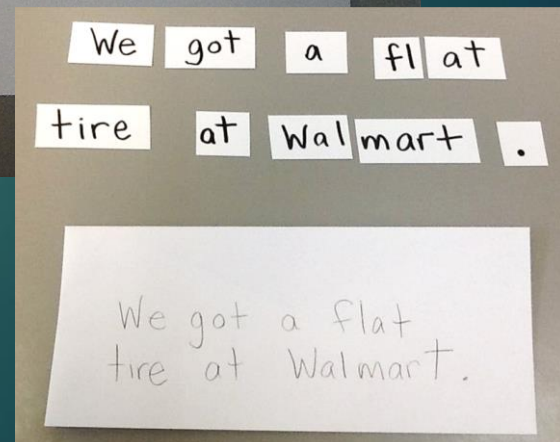
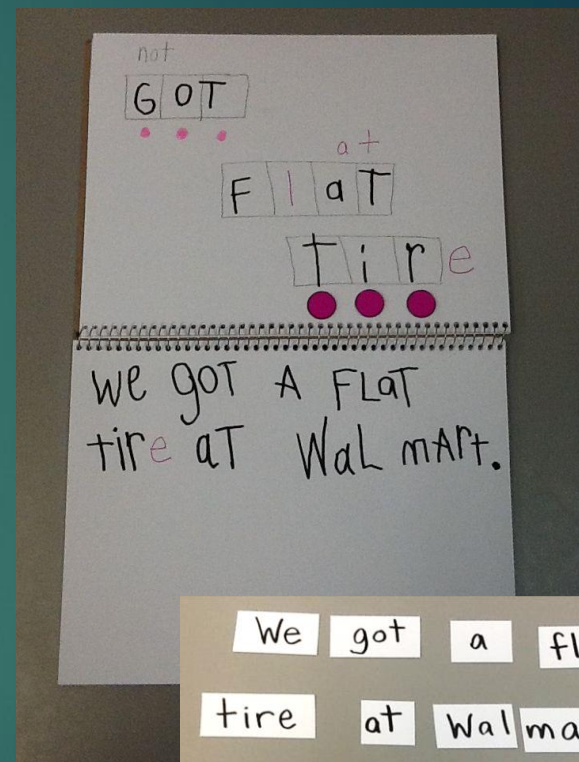
- Research-based early intervention for Grade 1 students having difficulty learning to read and write
- standards and guidelines set and regulated by a non-profit
- Short-term (12-20 weeks)
- Daily 30-minute one-to-one lessons designed and taught by a trained Reading Recovery Teacher
- Training, in-service and support provided by a Teacher Leader

Daily 30-minute lesson

<small>Read 2 books</small> 	Read 2 books you already know.
<small>Read 1 book</small> 	 Read 1 book.
<small>magnetic letters</small> 	Letters and words on the whiteboard.
<small>writing</small> 	Write a sentence.
<small>sentence strips</small> 	Put the words in the correct order.
<small>new book</small> 	We read a new book together.

- Lesson components are standardized
- The teacher analyzes each day's lesson notes to plan the activities and books for the next lesson
- During the lesson, the teacher responds with decisions, questions and prompts that are at the cutting edge of the student's learning and understanding

Lesson components and the home-school connection

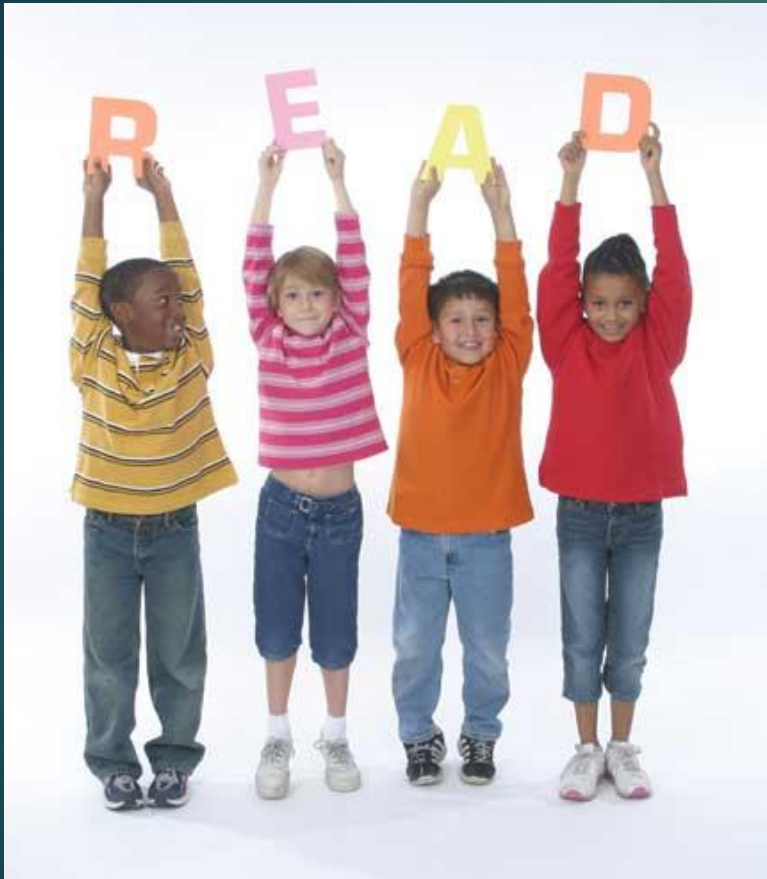


Benefits of Reading Recovery



- Every student has a right to literacy.
- Early intervention is key to long-term success
- Reading Recovery teachers are in-house early literacy experts who collaborate with classroom and non-enrolling specialist teachers
- Early intervention → long-term cost-effectiveness

Choosing Reading Recovery



- Currently a school-by-school decision in SD61
- Reading Recovery FTE is not based on actual needs of students and schools
- Schools have to choose between Reading Recovery and other needed services

A historical inequity

13 Schools With Reading Recovery		14 Schools Without Reading Recovery	
Campus View	Strawberry Vale	Braefoot	Lake Hill
Craigflower	Tillicum	Cloverdale	Margaret Jenkins
James Bay	Torquay	Doncaster	McKenzie
Macaulay	Victoria West	Eagle View	Northridge
Marigold	View Royal	Frank Hobbs	Oaklands
Rogers	Willows	George Jay	Quadra
South Park		Hillcrest	Sir James Douglas

Built-in training and in-service



Reading Recovery is not just a reading intervention; it is a social justice and equity intervention.

While many argue it is too expensive, one needs to have a longer view and not only compare the cost to school boards for costly special education programs but the long-term costs to society from unemployment, dropout rates, and other societal-related costs like courts, police, and prisons.

In the scheme of things, Reading Recovery is cheap.

- J Diakiw, Superintendent, York Region, Toronto