

**Early Reading First** (Local Education Agencies apply through U.S. Department of Education)

**Goals:**

- To prepare preschool-age children to enter kindergarten with the language, cognitive, and early reading skills necessary for reading success
- To provide high-quality early education to young children (especially from low-income families) and prevent failure

**What/Who For:**

- Pre-K and early childhood programs

**Use of Funds**

Support for oral language, phonological awareness, print awareness, and alphabetic knowledge
Provides <b>high-quality oral language</b> and literacy-rich classroom environments
Provides activities and instructional resources based on research to develop language, cognitive and early reading skills
<b>Assessments</b> or other appropriate measures to determine whether young children are developing cognitive and early reading skills
<b>Collection and summary of valid and reliable data</b> to document the effectiveness of Early Reading First
Promotion of reading and literacy programs that provide access to engaging reading material.

**CTP Product Aligned**

Advantage Series (8100–8123; 8133–44)	Basic Skills Charts (1305–10, 1323, 4334–37, 4187, 5068, 5370–84, 5672–79, 5693–5701, 5787–99)	Build-a-Sentence (3102)
Build-a-Skill Instant Books (1917–28)	Build-a-Story (3103)	Build-a-Word (3101)
Building Blocks for Beginning Readers (2226)	Celebrate Reading Resource Guide (4548)	Character Education Readers, Resource Guides, & CD (3121–34; 3109)
Dr. Jean Readers, Lap Books & CD (1358–70, 5770–81)	Dr. Maggie’s Phonics Readers, Read-Along CDs, & Resource Guide (2901–26; 2889–94)	Dr. Maggie’s Reading Pals (1032–35)
Developing Reading Fluency (2247–49)	Early Childhood Centers (1036)	Early Childhood Education Mini Bulletin Board Sets (1457–66)
Exploring Word Families (2289)	Fearless Phonics (LW-392)	Fun with Phonograms (2288)

Getting Ready to Read (2265)	Greg & Steve Readers & CD (6251–63)	Guided Reading Resource Guide (3495)
Holiday Readers (4522–33)	Home & Back with Sight Word Packs (2214)	How & Why Leveled Readers and Resource Guide (2963–74; 2987–90)
I Have, Who Has? Language Arts (2220)	Instant Learning Centers (2194–99; 2190)	Integrating Science with Reading Instruction (2814)
Itty Bitty Phonics Readers & Read-Along CD (3216– 51; 3261–65)	Jingle Jangles (2256)	Learn to Read Leveled Readers
Learn to Write Readers, Lap Books, & Resource Guide (6174–97; 3423– 46; 6227)	Letters, Numbers, Colors & Shapes Activity Pages (2227)	Letters, Numbers, Colors & Shapes Learning Centers (2228)
Life Cycles Leveled Readers & Resource Guide (3059–3070; 3083; 3086)	Look Once, Look Again! Leveled Readers & Resource Guide (3001–12; 3028–39; 3096–97)	Making Your Word Wall More Interactive (2282)
Mother Goose Brain Boost (2224)	Name Games (2238)	Phonemic Awareness (2332)
Phonemic Awareness Songs and Rhymes (2339–42)	Picture Sorting (2180)	Power Practice Series (8300–35, 8351–74)
Preschool Songs & Fingerplays (2496)	Reading First (2259)	Reading Comprehension Graphic Organizers (3384)
Reader's Theater Series (2241–42)	Reading for Fluency Readers & Resource Guide (4239–63; 4288–89)	<i>Ready, Set, Read</i> Charts (4180–84)
Responding to Literature (3367)	Sight Word Books (2272–2273)	Sight Word Puzzles and Activities (2239)
Sight Word Readers (3160–71; 3583–94)	Sing Along & Read Along with Dr. Jean Resource Guide (2534)	Sing & Read with Greg & Steve Resource Guide (2535)
Success with Sight Words (2298)	Unwrapping a Book (2257)	Vocabulary Builders Bulletin Board Sets (4716–19)
Word Sorting (2181)	Year-Round Early Childhood Themes (2497)	

**Key Points to Remember!**

- Although most Early Reading First funds are used for research and development projects put forth through universities (TX, FL, OR), Title I and IDEA funds are also used for early learners (ages 4 & up)