

**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)	Bookmaking Bonanza (2234)
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 (3123–34), variety packs (3148–49), CD (3121), Resource Guide (3109)	Cheer Along with Dr. Jean (5784)	Developing Reading Fluency (2247–49)
Dr. Jean’s Make & Take Books (2499)	Dr. Maggie’s Phonics Readers (2901–24), Resource Guide (2925), CDs (2889–94), variety pack (2951), collection	Dr. Maggie’s Reading Pals (1032–35)

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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)
Guided Reading Resource Guide (3495)	Highway Letters, Numbers, and Shapes with Dr. Jean (2498)	Holiday Readers (4522–33)
Home & Back with Sight Word Packs (2214)	How & Why Leveled Readers (2963–74), variety pack (2987), Resource Guide (2990)	I Have, Who Has? Language Arts (2204, 2220)
Instant Learning Centers (2194–99, 2190)	Integrating Science with Reading Instruction (2814)	Itty Bitty Phonics Readers (3216–45), boxed sets (3262–64), variety pack (3261), Read-Along CDs (3265)
I Used To Be Afraid of...Leveled Readers (6701–12), variety pack (6714), CD (6740)	Jingle Jangles (2256)	Language Arts Mini Bulletin Boards (3794–97)
Language Boosters (6144)	Language Games Galore (6365–73)	Learn to Read Kids Club
Learn to Read Leveled Readers, CD (4349)	Learn to Write Readers (6174–97), Lap Books (3423–34, 3435–46), Resource Guide (6227), CDs (3471, 4349), variety packs (6229–30, 3447–48), collection (6226)	Letters, Numbers, Colors & Shapes Activity Pages (2227)
Letters, Numbers, Colors & Shapes Learning Centers (2228)	Life Cycles Leveled Readers (3059–70), variety pack (3083), Resource Guide (3086)	Look Once, Look Again! Leveled Readers (3001–12, 3028–39), variety packs (3015, 3042), Resource Guides (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)	Reader's Theater (2241–42)
Reading Comprehension Graphic Organizers (3384)	Reading First (2259)	Reading for Fluency Readers (4240–63, 4288–89), Resource Guide (4239),

		Read-Along CDs (4293–94), collection (4292)
READ Workbook Series (6845–50)	<i>Ready, Set, Read</i> Charts (4180–84)	Responding to Literature (3367)
Sight Word Books (2272–73)	Sight Word Puzzles and Activities (2239)	Sight Word Readers (3160–70, 3583–94), variety packs (3184, 3607), Read-Along CDs (3271–72), collection (3266)
Sing Along & Read Along w/ Dr. Jean Readers (1358–1369), Lap books (5770–5781), Resource Guide (2534), CD (1370), variety packs (1374–75, 1377, 5782–83)	Sing & Read w/ Greg & Steve Readers (6251–62), Resource Guide (2535), CD (6263), variety packs (6266–68)	Success with Sight Words (2298)
Turn & Learn (6663–65, 6669–71)	Ultimate Advantage Workbook Series (6728–39)	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).