

Reading Recovery Inservice Course

Predictions of progress

Teacher Guidesheet

Making some predictions about the progress each child needs to make will help you keep thinking long-term about the work each child will need to do when making your day-to-day teaching decisions. Such predictions assist you to craft the instruction to suit the entry characteristics of individual children (refer to *Predictions of Progress* in *Literacy Lessons Designed for Individuals*, 2nd ed. (pp.28-29).

Look at what each particular child can do now, and think about what he needs to learn to do. Consider the changes you would expect to see in reading and writing as he becomes more competent. Describe the changes in terms of working with text. Look at the Observation Survey Summary Sheet, especially sources of information used and neglected, and useful and problem strategic activity (processing).

Record the strategic activities (processing) the child will need to control in text reading and writing. (Make a list under bullet points).

At the end of the lesson series he will need to know

- How to _____ in order to _____
- How to _____ in order to _____

A concluding paragraph could be in this form

- In the next few weeks he or she will need to know how to _____

As appropriate for a particular child specify

- Extra work will be needed on _____
- I will need to pay particular attention to _____

The (approximate) text level at the time lessons are discontinued will need to be _____

Note: Record these predictions on a separate piece of paper attached to the back of each Observation Survey Summary Sheet. Evaluate children's progress against these predictions on a regular basis so that you continue to make the most effective teaching decisions for each child.

Revise the draft Observation Survey Summary Sheet for each child you are working with when you receive feedback on the practice summary sheets.

For next session

Read pp.1-3 in *An Observation Survey Of Early Literacy Achievement* (Clay, 2019). Please bring your Observation Survey Summary Sheets (with all task sheets) as well as Predictions of Progress to the next session.