**APPENDIX A** 

## **Strategies and Skills by Level**

Summary of skill focus, word study activities, and guided writing

Level	Skill Focus	Sound Sorts	Magnetic Letters (Making Words)	Sound Boxes	Analogy Charts	Guided Writing
Pre-A	Letters, sounds, print concepts	Initial consonants	Match letters to alphabet chart. Make first name.	None	None	Interactive writing
A 1	Consonants	Initial consonants	Exchange initial consonants: cat-fat-mat-bat	2 or 3 boxes me, go, he, so can, map, hat	None	Dictated sentence 3–5 words
В 2	Consonants Short vowels (a, o)	Initial and final consonants Short <i>a</i> and <i>o</i>	Exchange initial and final consonants: can-pan-pat-mat- man	2 or 3 boxes at, on, am, hop, fan, mom, dad	None	Dictated or open-ended sentence 5–7 words
C 3/4	Short vowels (a, e, i, o, u) Hearing sounds in sequence (CVC)	Short e, i, u	Exchange initial, medial, and final letters; include all short vowels: pot-hot-hop- mop-map-cap- lap-lad-lid	3 boxes (CVC) mat, bed, did, hop, fun	None	Dictated or open-ended sentence 7–10 words
D 5/6	Digraphs ( <i>sh, ch, th</i> ) Endings (- <i>s, -ing</i> ) Onset/rime	Initial and final digraphs	Exchange initial, medial, and final letters; include digraphs; break at onset and rime: hop-shop-chop- chip-chin-thin	3 boxes (words with digraphs) chat, then, with, ship, such, much	None	Dictated or open-ended sentences Include endings: <i>-ing, -s,</i>
E 7/8	Initial blends Onset/rime Endings (-ed, -er)	Initial blends	Add and delete initial clusters; break at onset and rime: cap-clap-clip- grip-grin-spin	4 boxes (initial blends, short vowels) slip, clan, step	None	2 or 3 sentences B-M-E Facts learned

Level	Skill Focus	Sound Sorts	Magnetic Letters (Making Words)	Sound Boxes		alogy arts	Guided Writing
F 9/10	Final blends Onset/rime	Final blends	Add and delete final clusters; break at onset and rime: <i>went-wept-west-</i> <i>lest-list-limp</i>	4 boxes final blends lamp, last, test, went, milk, jump	None		B-M-E (3 sentences) Facts learned Respond to a prompt
	Initial and final blends	None	Silent-e feature: mat-mate-	5 boxes stink, grunt,	cat	make	B-M-E (4 sentences)
G	Silent e		mane-man	stomp	chat	shake	Somebody-
11/12					spat	snake	Wanted-But- So (SWBS)
					spam	grape	Respond to a prompt
	Vowel teams ee, ar, ay, oa,	None	Vowel patterns: cow-clown-	None	eat	day	B-M-E (5 sentences)
H–I	or, all, ow		crown-crowd		beat	gray	SWBS
13–16	<i>(cow)</i> Endings		Break at onset and rime:		seating	stayed	Problem- Solution
	5		(cl-own)		cheater	prayed	Respond to a prompt
	Vowel teams ou, ew, ight,	None	de-light-ful e-nor-mous	None	rain	out	Five-Finger Retell
	aw, ai, oi, ow		e-nor-mous		stain	about	Character
	<i>(low)</i> Make and				sprain	shouted	analysis Main idea/
	break a big				brainy	ground	details
J+ 17+	word						Summary Compare/
1/+					hop	hopping	contrast
					stop	stopping	Cause-effect
					clap	clapping	Question- Answer
					hug	hugging	Respond to a prompt

Strategies and Skills for Pre-A						
Work With Letters and Names	Work With Sounds	Read and Discuss Books	Interactive Writing			
<ul> <li>Learn letter names</li> <li>Link letters to picture concepts</li> <li>Learn letter sounds</li> <li>Visual memory for first name</li> <li>Visual scanning left to right</li> <li>Letter formation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Foundational skills</li> <li>Hear syllables</li> <li>Hear rhyming words</li> <li>Hear initial consonants</li> <li>Link sounds to letters</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Oral language</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>Left-to-right directionality</li> <li>One-to-one matching</li> <li>Concept of letter and word</li> <li>Concept of first and last letter/word</li> <li>Attend to print</li> <li>Period at the end of a sentence</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hear sounds in words</li> <li>Link sounds to letters</li> <li>Form letters</li> <li>Space between words</li> <li>One-to-one matching</li> </ul>			

	Strategies and Skills for Level A						
Students learn to	Picture Sorts	Making Words	Sound Boxes	Guided Writing			
<ul> <li>maintain one-to-one on one line of print.</li> <li>use meaning to predict, monitor, self-correct.</li> <li>read and write about 10 words.</li> <li>firm up letter knowledge.</li> <li>hear and use initial consonant sounds in reading and writing.</li> </ul>	Initial consonants Choose 2 (see pages 38–39; 81) Examples of pictures to sort for <b>Dd</b> , <b>Hh</b> : <i>desk, duck,</i> <i>horse, hand</i>	Change initial consonant: • go-no-so • cat-hat-mat-pat • me-he-we-be • hop-mop-top-cop • pot-lot-hot-dot • pan-man-ran-fan • map-cap-tap-gap • mad-had-sad-pad • dog-fog-log-hog	2 or 3 boxes SO me, we, he, go, no map, can, dad	Dictate a sentence with 3–5 words. <b>Examples:</b> I like pizza. I see the turtle. My mom is nice. We can go fast.			

	Strategies and Skills for Level B						
Students learn to	Picture Sorts	Making Words	Sound Boxes	Guided Writing			
<ul> <li>maintain one-to-one on two lines of print.</li> <li>use meaning, structure, and known words to predict, monitor, and correct.</li> <li>cross-check meaning and first letters with prompting.</li> <li>read and write about 20 words.</li> <li>hear and use initial and final consonants.</li> <li>hear and use short vowels (a and o).</li> </ul>	Short vowels (a and o) Choose 2 (see page 82) Examples of pictures to sort for <b>a</b> , <b>o</b> : <i>hat, cat,</i> <i>mop, box</i>	Change final consonant: <i>rat-rag-ram- ran-rap</i> <i>cat-cap-can-cab</i> <i>man-mat- map-mad</i> <i>hat-ham-had-has</i> <i>hot-hop-hog</i> Change initial and final consonant: <i>mat-map-man-pan</i> <i>sat-sad-mad-had</i> <i>dog-hog-hot-dot</i> <i>hot-cot-cop-hop</i>	2 or 3 boxes a t am, at, as, on, up, an C a t cap, dog, log, mat	Dictate a sentence with 5–7 words. <b>Examples:</b> The rat is in the cage. Look at the pig in the road. Look at the big cat. We go to the lake to swim.			

	Strategies and Skills for Level C						
Students learn to	Picture Sorts	Making Words	Sound Boxes	Guided Writing			
<ul> <li>use meaning, structure, known words, and initial consonants to predict, monitor, and self-correct.</li> <li>cross-check meaning and first letters to solve unknown words without prompting.</li> <li>read and write about 30 words.</li> <li>hear and record CVC sounds in sequence with prompting.</li> </ul>	Short vowels (e, i, u) Choose 2 or 3 (see page 82) Examples of pictures to sort for <b>e</b> , <b>i</b> , <b>u</b> : bed, leg, pig, lip, cup, rug	Change initial, medial, and final letters: • can-cap-map-mop-top • sat-sad-mad-mud-bud • dog-dot-hot-hop-hip • ran-run-bun-bug-bag • lap-lip-lid-lad-mad • got-get-net-pet-peg • his-hit-pit-pot-hot-hop • had-hid-rid-rig-wig • run-bun-bin-bit-bet	XUgrUgbagsithopgumrapbigjobwetcabhopvettagcapmobridfogcanjoggetnod	Dictate a sentence with 7–10 words. <b>Examples:</b> Come and look at my red car. We will catch the big fish in the lake.			

Strategies and Skills for Level D						
Students learn to	Picture Sorts	Making Words	Sound Boxes	Guided Writing		
<ul> <li>maintain meaning while solving new words.</li> <li>cross-check without prompting.</li> <li>use known parts with prompting.</li> <li>attend to endings with prompting.</li> <li>blend the sounds in small words.</li> <li>reread to access meaning.</li> <li>read without pointing.</li> <li>read in short phrases.</li> <li>read and write about 40 words.</li> <li>use digraphs and short vowels.</li> <li>read dialogue with expression.</li> <li>hear and record sounds in sequence without support.</li> <li>retell the story with support.</li> </ul>	Digraphs Choose 2 or 3 (see pages 132–133) Examples of pictures to sort for <b>sh</b> , <b>ch</b> , <b>th</b> : <i>ship</i> , <i>sheep</i> , <i>chick</i> , <i>cheese</i> , <i>thumb</i> , <i>think</i>	Change initial, medial, or final letters. Include digraphs. Break at onset and rime. (ch-ip) • hip-chip-chop- shop-ship • bat-bath- math-mash • did-dish-dash- mash-mush-much- such • hat-chat-chap- chip-ship • cat-chat-that- than-thin • map-math- bath-bash • the-then- than-that	3 boxes M a sh math shop chin this such dash chat dish chop thud such shot path hush with chip	Dictate two sentences. Examples: Ben is looking for his bear. Mom said to check the chair. The man is going to the fire. He will get the cat to come to him.		

Strategies and Skills for Level E						
Students learn to	Picture Sorts	Making Words	Sound Boxes	Guided Writing		
<ul> <li>maintain meaning while using known parts to solve words.</li> <li>cover the endings to solve words.</li> <li>monitor with meaning, blends, and endings.</li> <li>read and write an increasing number of sight words.</li> <li>read familiar text with fluency.</li> <li>read new text with some phrasing.</li> <li>read with expression.</li> <li>understand simple contractions made from known words (e.g., can't, didn't, I'm, I'll, you're, we're, isn't they're, he's, she's, it's)</li> <li>orally segment one-syllable words at the onset and rime (st-ick).</li> <li>hear and write a CCVC word in sequence.</li> </ul>	Initial Blends Select blends that begin with the same letter. Choose 2 or 3 (see pages 132–133) Examples of pictures to sort for fl, fr: flower, flag, fruit, frog	Change initial blend, medial vowel, or final letter. Break at onset and rime. (gr-ab) • bag-brag-brat- flat-flit • lip-clip-slip-slit- spit-spot • lap-clap-slap- slam-spam • rim-trim-trip- trap-strap • stub-stab-grab- gram-glam-glum • crab-slab-grab- grub-snub • skin-skip-trip- trap-clap-clip • plum-drum- drug-snug-snag • step-stop-slop- slip-blip • win-twin-twig- swig-swim	Crabbragclipsnugclamdropspunclapdripcrabflipsledflopgrinspedgripplotflapskid	Prompt students to write about the story. <b>Prompt:</b> Write a sentence about the beginning and another about the end of the story. Use the pictures if you need help. <b>Example:</b> Bella did not want to share her bone. She hid her bone in the snow. <b>Prompt:</b> What did you learn about fireflies? <b>Example:</b> They have two wings and two big eyes. They light up at night.		

Strategies and Skills for Level F						
Students learn to	Picture Sorts	Making Words	Sound Boxes	Guided Writing		
<ul> <li>maintain meaning while using known parts and endings to solve new words.</li> <li>attend to the middle and end of words with prompting.</li> <li>use onsets and rimes to solve words with prompting.</li> <li>read new books with greater fluency and expression.</li> <li>use punctuation to read with phrasing and expression.</li> <li>understand more challenging contractions (e.g., couldn't, won't, we'll, we've, I've, who'll, they'll).</li> <li>hear and record final blends in one-syllable words.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Final blends</li> <li>Choose 2 or 3 (see pages 132–133)</li> <li>Examples of pictures to sort:</li> <li>-mp camp, lamp, jump</li> <li>-nd band, land, sand</li> <li>-ng sing, bang, lung</li> <li>-st nest, rest, west</li> <li>-sk mask, tusk, desk</li> <li>-nk tank, bank, junk, pink, link</li> <li>-ft raft, gift, lift</li> <li>-nt ant, mint, bent</li> <li>-lt felt, melt, belt, bolt</li> <li>-lk milk, silk</li> </ul>	Change initial letter, medial vowel, or final blend. Break at onset and rime. (s-ing) • ask-bask-bash- mash • bang-bank-band- land • camp-damp- dump-lump • gang-fang-pang- pant • fast-last-lest-left- lent • rang-sang-sank- tank • raft-rant-pant-past- pest • belt-bend-bent- best • desk-dusk-tusk- must • went-west-test- tend • lift-lint-list-last-cast • just-jest-rest- rust-runt • soft-sift-silt- hilt-hint • felt-belt-best- bent-went • milk-silk-silt-wilt	keptgustpinkkeptfangibanddeskiiiliftbangiiifilmlendiiirungdampiiilungmendiiisangriskiiilumpduskiiimendsinkiiilandtaskiii	<ul> <li>Prompt students to write about the story.</li> <li>B-M-E (3 sentences)</li> <li>Prompts: <ul> <li>Write three sentences about the story. Use your pictures if you need help.</li> <li>What was the problem? How was it solved?</li> <li>Write three facts about firefighters.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

<ul> <li>maintain meaning while solving new</li> </ul>	Initial and final blends	4 or 5 boxes	<b>Silent-e rule</b> <b>Easy</b> (Rime is constant.)	Prompt students to write about the story.
words using	<ul> <li>cash-clash- clasp-clamp-</li> </ul>		hot hope	в- <b>М-Е</b>
known parts, endings, and	cramp	t w i s t	spot rope	(3–5 sentences)
familiar rimes.	<ul> <li>band-brand- bland-blank-</li> </ul>	brand blank	trot slope	SWBS
<ul> <li>read new books with</li> </ul>	blink	clank cramp	slot mope	The lion wanted to eat the rabbit,
greater fluency and expression. • break words	<ul> <li>lush-blush- brush-crush- crust-crest- chest</li> <li>pit-spit-split-</li> </ul>	crash flash grand grasp plant shaft smash stamp	Harder (Rime changes, but vowel sound is constant.)	but a deer came by, so the lion let the rabbit go.
apart. (Discourage	splint-sprint	champ clamp	cat came	Solution
letter-by-letter sounding!)	<ul> <li>think-chink- shrink-rink-</li> </ul>	clash plump skunk slump	chat shame	What was the problem? How
<ul> <li>monitor by</li> </ul>	risk	sling stump	flag quake	was it solved?
attending to the middle and	<ul> <li>ran-ranch- branch-</li> </ul>	stung thump trunk trust	clam brave	Question- Answer
<ul> <li>end of words.</li> <li>use analogies to problem- solve during writing with prompting (e.g., <i>If you</i> <i>know</i> like, <i>you</i> <i>can write</i> hike).</li> <li>hear and record initial and final blends in one- syllable words.</li> <li>apply the silent-<i>e</i> rule with prompting.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ran-ranch- branch- brunch</li> <li>went-west- wept-swept- crept</li> <li>Silent-e rule</li> <li>hat-hate- mate-mat-rat- rate</li> <li>pal-pale-pane- pan-man- mane</li> <li>slid-slide- slime-slim- dim-dime</li> </ul>	crust grump grunt stunt blush brush crush flush munch lunch bunch crunch	Hardest (Rime and vowel sounds change. Students sort words by short- and long-vowel sound.) cat     cake (short)       slap     grape       twig     spoke       shut     bride	

**Making Words** 

Students

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Strategies and Skills for Level G

Analogy Charts

**Guided Writing** 

**Sound Boxes** 

	Strategi	es and Skills for Le	vels H and I	
Students learn to	Making Words	Sound Boxes	Analogy Charts	Guided Writing
<ul> <li>maintain meaning while quickly solving new words using a variety of strategies.</li> <li>read new books with greater fluency.</li> <li>use analogies to problem- solve during reading with</li> </ul>	Silent-e rule • came-same- shame-sham- ham • hop-hope- slope-slop- shop • rip-ripe-gripe- grip-grim- grime Vowel patterns	5 boxes S p l i t S C r u b See examples listed for Level G. When students can write a word phonetically,	Vowel teams       ee, ar, ay, oa, or, all, ow       (cow)       car     cow       far     now       card     plow       started     crowd       see     for	Students write in response to the teacher's prompt. B-M-E (5 sentences) Track a Character's Feelings How did the character feel at the beginning, middle, and end?
<ul> <li>reading with the teacher's support.</li> <li>learn vowel patterns during reading and writing with support. <i>ee, ar,</i> <i>ay, oa, or, all,</i> <i>ow (cow)</i></li> <li>apply the silent-<i>e</i> rule in writing with a little prompting.</li> </ul>	teacher's port. n vowel terns during ding and tring with port. <i>ee, ar,</i> <i>ba, or, all,</i> <i>(cow)</i> ly the silent-e trin writing n a little		treefortsweepsportsleepingstormyboatallfloattallcoachstalltoastersmallestTo increase the challenge, include words with initial blends and endings.	What events caused those feelings? In the beginning Kenny was excited to help the farmer. In the middle Kenny was sad that the pig didn't want to be petted. At the end Kenny was happy he found a stick to scratch the pig.

	Strategies and	Skills for L	evel J	
Students learn to Making Words		Analogy	/ Charts	Guided Writing
<ul> <li>stamina.</li> <li>flexibly use a variety of strategies to solve new words.</li> <li>read new books with fluency and expression, stopping only to problem-solve.</li> <li>use vowel patterns in reading and writing with support.</li> <li>use the silent-e</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Vowel Patterns</li> <li>out-ouch-pouch-pound-round- around</li> <li>rain-train-strain- sprain-brain-brainy</li> <li>snow-show-shown- grown-growth</li> <li>night-right-fright- flight-slight-slightly</li> <li>oil-coil-coin-join- joint-point-pointy</li> <li>few-flew-blew-brew- crew-chew-chewy</li> <li>saw-law-claw-draw- drawn-spawn</li> </ul>	Vowel teams ew, ou, ight, a oi, ai, ow Gradually incr difficulty of th using words w blends, prefixes suffixes. out pout sprout about found night bright lightly mighty flew threw chewed unscrew	ease the e task by vith digraphs,	Students write in response to the teacher's prompt. Five-Finger Retell SWBS-Then Victor wanted to fly his kite, but it was too small so he built his own kite. THEN Victor wanted to fly his new kite, but it lifted him to the top of the roof so his dad had to get him down. Problem-solution Character's actions (B-M-E) Character's feelings (B-M-E) Write facts about a nonfiction topic Important event: Find the picture that shows the most important event in the story. Write about it.

Strategies and Skills for Levels K and Higher			
Students learn to	Making Words	Analogy Charts	Guided Writing
<ul> <li>increase reading stamina.</li> <li>flexibly use a variety of strategies to solve new words.</li> <li>read new books with fluency and expression, stopping only to problem- solve.</li> </ul>	Make and Break a Big Word Select a multisyllabic word from the story. Make it ( <i>understand</i> ) Break it ( <i>un-der-stand</i> )	Vowel teams Continue to teach vowel teams students need to learn <i>e drop</i> Drop the silent <i>e</i> when adding a suffix that begins with a vowel. ( <i>-ed</i> , <i>-ing</i> )	Students write in response to the teacher's prompt. Connect the written response to the comprehension focus for the lesson. • Compare/contrast • Cause-effect • Character motivation • Chapter summaries • Character traits/ evidence • Write facts about a nonfiction text using text features (glossary, index, illustrations, diagrams, etc.) • Reflections and wonderings • Opinion/evidence • Argument/evidence
<ul> <li>use vowel patterns in reading and writing.</li> </ul>	Say it (un/der/stand)	likelikedspikespiked	
<ul> <li>use the silent-e feature in reading and writing.</li> </ul>	Make it again	choke choked Add suffixes	
<ul> <li>write words with two and three syllables.</li> </ul>		(-ly, -ful)	
<ul> <li>attend to prefixes and suffixes in reading and writing.</li> </ul>		real really soft softly care careful	
<ul> <li>use vocabulary strategies to determine the meaning of</li> </ul>		Double the consonant (when there is one letter after the vowel)	
unknown words		hop hopping	Describe author's     point of view
<ul><li>with prompting.</li><li>respond to a story</li></ul>		run running	Compare/contrast
in writing with		shut shutting	characters, events,
<ul> <li>decreasing support.</li> <li>use more complex comprehension strategies.</li> </ul>		Do not double (when there is more than one letter after the vowel)	ideas from two texts
read and respond		jump jumping	
to nonfiction and poetry.		wish wishing hold holding	