

# The Early Reader Pack

## Overview:

- The Active Reader's Early Reader Pack is the essential first step towards reading.
- The Early Reader Pack lays the foundation for children, preparing them to pick up decodable books and beyond with confidence and skill.
- The Early Reader Pack is designed to help young children develop foundational reading skills through engaging and interactive methods grounded in Structured Literacy and The Science of Reading.

## Target Audience:

- Kindergarten and Primary classrooms.

## Talking Points:

- In just 5-minutes a day, The Early Reader Pack helps establish classroom routines grounded in structured literacy.
- With clear direction around letter formation, proper letter-sound alignment, and an effective system for connecting letters to sounds, teaching children to read has never been easier and more effective. These cards take the guesswork out of reading instruction and make mastering letters and their sounds a breeze!
- Can be used in a one-to-one, small-group or whole-class setting, this pack is all about making reading accessible, engaging, and fun
- Engages the senses in letter-sound learning so children are learning using multiple pathways to the brain, overcoming and strengthening any weaknesses they may have.
- Focuses on phonics, vocabulary, and reading comprehension for early learners.

## Features

- A box set of 30 alphabet cards including ch, th, sh and wh.
- The back of each card has 5 multi-sensory activities that bring the letter sound to life. These activity ideas help bring play into the classroom and make learning to read both interactive and fun.
- Tactile letters on the front of the cards support multi-sensory learning and proper letter formation.
- Each card recommends a children's book or song that allows for further engagement with the letter sound.

## Benefits

- **Improves Reading Skills:** Helps children develop foundational reading skills, including phonological/phonemic awareness skills and vocabulary building.

- **Encourages a Love of Reading:** Engaging content and activities designed to make learning and teaching the foundations of reading fun.
- **Simple and Effective:** With just 5 minutes a day, you can drastically improve the foundational reading skills of your students.
- **Usability and Engagement:** Versatile for use in whole-class settings, small groups, or one-on-one sessions, this resource actively engages learners in mastering letter sounds, decoding, and encoding.
- **Promotes Confidence in Reading:** By gradually building a child's phonological awareness and decoding skills, the pack ensures that children are not just memorizing words but truly understanding the structure of language. This leads to confident readers who are prepared to tackle more complex texts in the future.

## The Letter Sound Drill - The Early Reader Pack in Action

Practice this multisensory drill each day. It should be used to introduce new sounds and review sounds that your students have already learned.

**Step 1:** Learn letter sounds by saying the letter sound equation on the front of each card.

Say the following in order:

- **Say the name of the letter (a)**
- **Say the keyword (apple)**
- **Say the sound the letter makes (/a/)**
- **Then have your students repeat the letter equation back to you (a - apple - /a/).**

**Step 2:** Increase complexity by having your students say the letter sound equation while tracing the letter on the card or the table in front of them with their fingers. Work up to tracing the letter three times, following the directional arrows, as they say each part of the equation.

**Step 3:** Flip the card over and do one or more of the creative, multi-sensory activities on the back and practice the letter sound while you do it.

- Go to: <https://theactivereader.com/use-the-early-reader-pack> to watch demonstration and instructional videos.

## How this ties in with Saunder's materials:

- Assessed 66 literacy resources that Saunders carries, The Early Reader Pack, Stage 1, aligned with 57 of those resources.
- The decodable readers sold by Saunders utilize the same concepts and phonemes found in our literacy packs.
- The Early Reader Pack aligns with materials based in Structured Literacy and resources aligned with The Science of Reading.

## Pricing

- \$24.95/set