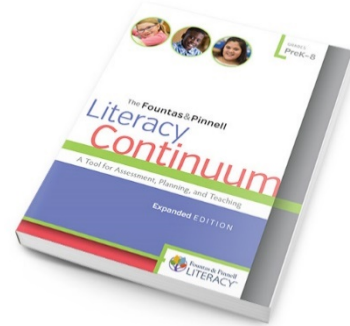


## February 2020

It's February, and **love** is in the air! This is the time of year when we often see significant growth in our early readers, and we all **LOVE** that! This time of year can also be dis**heart**ening if we don't see the growth that we expect.



Noticing and responding to the literacy behaviors we see is a the **heart** of responsive teaching. The Literacy Continuum is a tool that helps to understand what behaviors to expect and notice at different stages of literacy development so that we can make better instructional decisions for students. This month, take some time and get to know The Literacy Continuum. You just might **fall in love!**

Look, even more to **love!** The

### RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

**Get to know the Literacy Continuum!**

Listen to this **podcast** with Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell to hear how the continuum has evolved.

[Getting to Know the Literacy Continuum](#)

[Deeper Dive into the F&P Literacy Continuum](#)

For those who want a more in-depth understanding of the continuum, this **webinar** is for you!

## Tips & Tools

### TEACHERS' LOUNGE

While the Literacy Continuum contains a wealth of helpful information, it can also be pretty overwhelming at first. So, here are some tips on how to manage all that greatness and get the most out of it!

- **Tab It UP!**- The Literacy Continuum is a BIG book, so make it easy to navigate. Put tabs on the sections so that you can easily find the one you need.
- **Pay attention to the RED bullets!**-The red bullets indicate skills or concepts that are *new* in a particular grade or level.
- **Make it Your Own!**-Create something that funnels the most important information into a useful form for you. Click on the link below to access a set of **Reading Goal Cards** which use student-friendly versions of the key concepts presented in the guided reading portion of the Literacy Continuum. The cards can guide teachers as they observe students reading and give parents and students authentic criteria for choosing developmentally appropriate books.

[Click Here to Get Your FREE Set of Reading Goal Cards!](#)

## COACHING CORNER

The goal of coaching is to support student success by helping teachers become better instructional decision makers. Effective coaching focuses on specific behaviors that teachers can practice and see immediate results in student progress. The Literacy Continuum can be an **INCREDIBLE TOOL** for creating specific coaching goals and action steps for teachers. Watch this video to learn more or follow the steps below:



1. Determine the area of practice that the teacher wants/needs to grow. (read alouds, guided reading, shared reading, etc.)
2. Look at that section of the continuum and narrow down a specific section to focus.
3. Make a list of the red bullets in that section.
4. Work with the teacher to generate 2-3 specific actions that she might take to support the student behaviors or knowledge reflected in the bullets.
5. Choose one teacher support to implement and create a 2-week action plan and coaching cycle.

Want to know more? [Click here for an example Coaching Guide.](#)

### COACHING BONUS!

If you are a coach that facilitates PLCs, book studies, or any kind of professional development, you will want to check out The [Literacy Continuum Study Guide](#). This comprehensive tool is a step-by-step, 9-module facilitator's manual complete with activities, questions, and notes!

## Administrators' Memo

With MOY assessments concluding, you may be having data conferences with teachers or assisting with **RtI** meetings. Because the skills in The Literacy Continuum are aligned to the **TEKS**, intervention can be specifically targeted to address the developmental and skill needs of the students. After diagnosing an area of need, use the **TEKS Alignment Guide** to pinpoint 1-2 very specific behaviors to focus the intervention.

[TEKS Alignment Guide](#)

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