

# Instructional Best Practices at a Glance

The Big Six Literacy Pillars	NYS Prekindergarten - 3rd Grade Literacy Instructional Best Practices	Grades
Phonemic Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‡Develop awareness of the segments of sound in speech.</li> <li>‡Teach students to manipulate sounds in speech, focusing on orally blending and segmenting words.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‡PreK-1</li> <li>‡K-1</li> </ul>
Phonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‡Teach students letter-sound relations.</li> <li>‡Introduce letters (graphemes) with the sounds (phonemes) they make.</li> <li>‡Provide opportunities to practice letter identification and sounds.</li> <li>‡Use word-sound relationships with phonemic awareness.</li> <li>‡Develop an awareness of segments of sounds in speech and how they correspond to letters.</li> <li>‡Teach students to decode words, analyze words and write and recognize words.</li> <li>‡Teach students to blend letter sounds and sound-spelling patterns.</li> <li>‡Teach common sound-spelling patterns.</li> <li>‡Teach students to recognize common word parts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‡PreK-3</li> <li>‡PreK</li> <li>‡PreK</li> <li>‡K</li> <li>‡K-1</li> <li>‡1-3</li> <li>‡2-3</li> <li>‡2-3</li> <li>‡2-3</li> </ul>
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‡Plan activities to expand and practice vocabulary</li> <li>‡Introduce words and their meanings.</li> <li>‡Engage students in activities to enhance vocabulary and language skills.</li> <li>‡Teach vocabulary in the context of other reading activities.</li> <li>‡Facilitate activities that actively engage students in the development of their vocabulary and language skills.</li> <li>‡Teach students academic language skills, including the use of inferential language and vocabulary knowledge.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‡PreK-3</li> <li>‡PreK-3</li> <li>‡PreK-3</li> <li>‡PreK-3</li> <li>‡K-1</li> <li>‡2-3</li> </ul>

