

Grade 1 Pacing Guide

Saxon Reading Foundations may be taught as a Tier 1 implementation in a whole-class, general education setting as a supplement to the core language arts instruction. It is taught by the general education teacher in 30-45 minutes. The program has been successful with high achievers, English language learners and struggling students. Saxon has multiple activities to also use for Tier 2 and 3. Different learning styles are included in the daily lesson plans.

Saxon Reading Foundations emphasizes the alphabet, phonemic awareness, phonics, high frequency words, fluency, handwriting, and spelling, providing all students with the tools needed to master the ability to read, spell and become successful with handwriting.

For 30-45 minute lessons, teachers should always teach the activities marked with a star (Daily Letter and Sound Review, New Increment and New Deck Cards, Boardwork, and Worksheets), and cycle through the other activities on subsequent days. Readers should always be available for students to practice with as the teacher assesses when to change the reader for each student.



(30-45) Minutes

LESSON WARM-UP

(10–15 minutes)

Quick review to set students up for success.

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Key Activities

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NEW INCREMENT



(10-15 minutes)

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- Spelling with Letter Tiles
- New Deck Cards



APPLICATION & CONTINUAL REVIEW



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As Needed

CLASSROOM PRACTICE

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- Boardwork
- Worksheet
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- Spelling List
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Small Group Reinforcement or Advanced Work based on student needs.

- Options for Differentiation
- Options for Multilingual Learners

Saxon Reading Foundations Daily Pacing Guide

(45-60) Minutes

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Tier 1

Tier 2-3

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- Repeat for /ō/ (loss, got, boat, mop) and /ŏ/ (goal, no, phone, mom).
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★ Daily Letter and Sound Review

Whole-Group

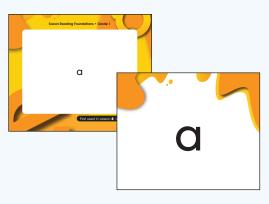
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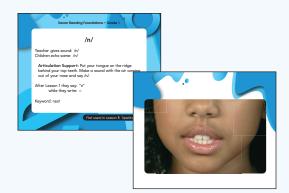
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Spelling Review

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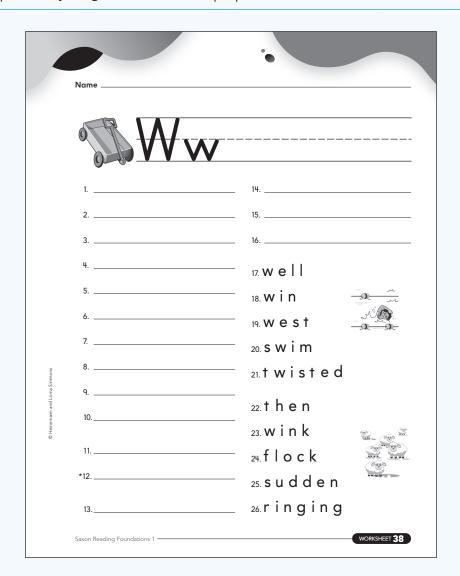
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★ New Increment

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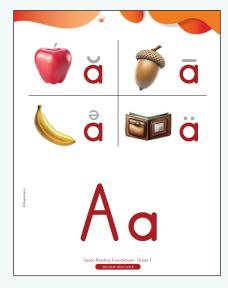
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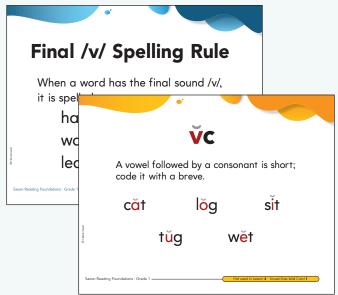
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REASONS FOR TEACHING HANDWRITING

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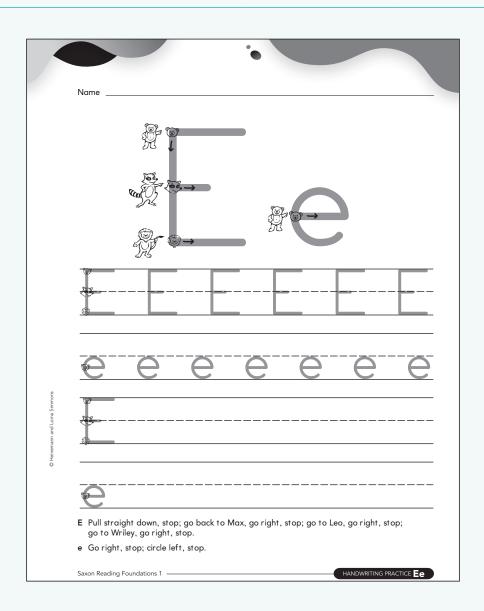
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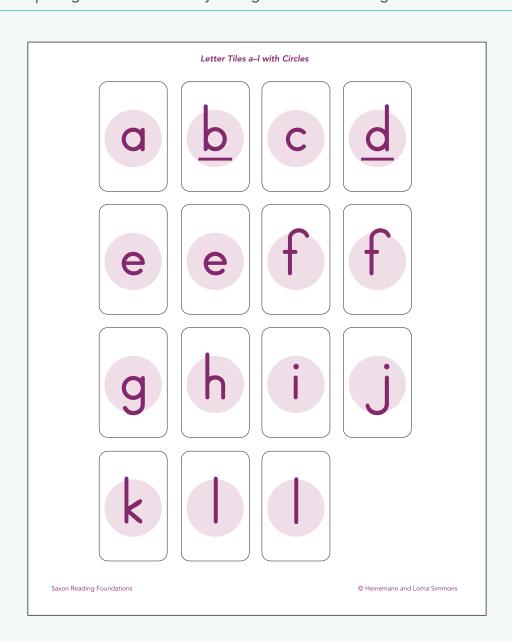
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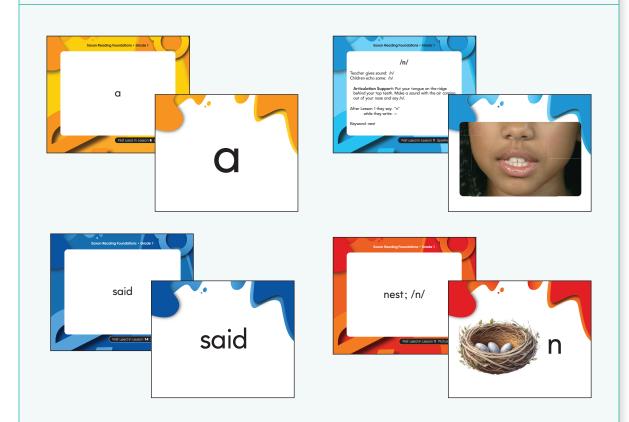
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Tier 1-2

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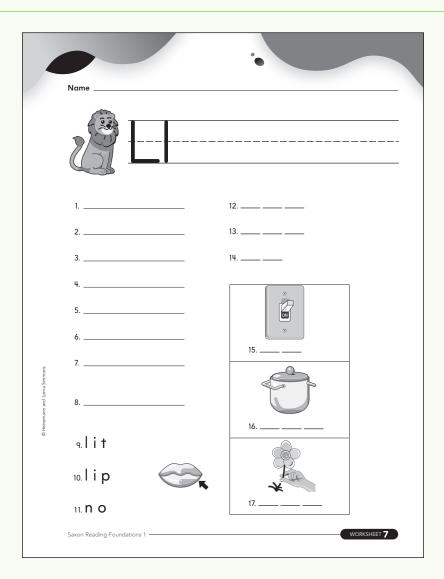
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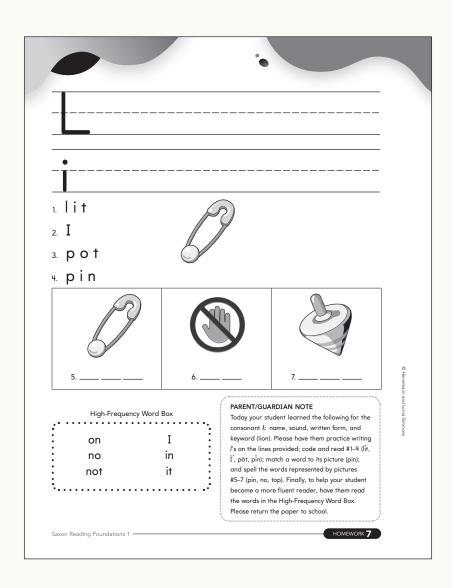
Whole-Group

Tier 2–3 As Extra Practice **Small Group**

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Spelling List

Whole-Group

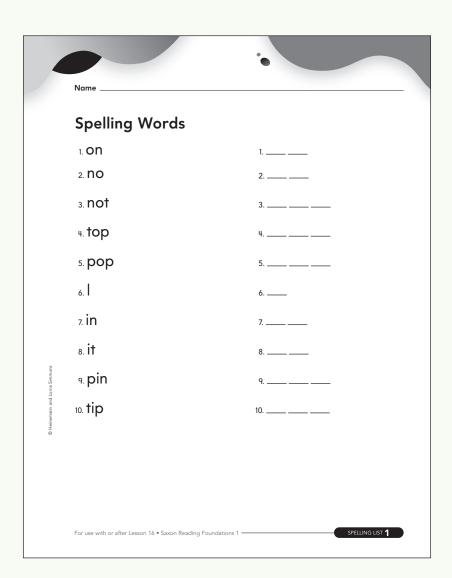
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Tier 1–2

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Decodable and Fluency Readers

Whole-Group

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Small Group

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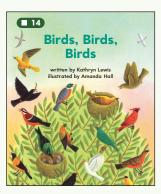
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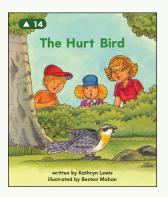
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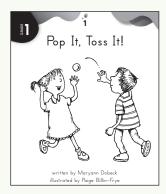
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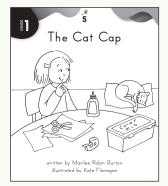
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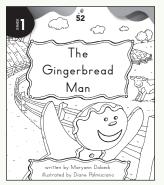












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Extra Practice

Small Group

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Advanced Readers

Tier 2-3

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OPTIONS FOR DIFFERENTIATION

REINFORCE

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SUPPORT

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- Have children make the hand signs for letter o and for octopus as they chant: "O says /ŏ/ as in octopus."

- For children who are learning to read letters n and o, have them practice identifying capital N and O and lowercase n and o.
- Play musical letters with capital N, lowercase n, capital O, and lowercase o. Gather 16 sheets of paper and markers in four colors. Use four pages for each letter, and write the letter in a different color on each page.
- Tape the letters to the floor, widely spaced.
- Explain how to play musical letters. "I'm going to play music. When the music stops, listen to the color and letter that I call out, then run and put your foot on that letter."
- Play music on your smartphone, radio, or CD player. Have children walk around the letters in a circle while the music plays.
- Say a color and a capital or lowercase letter each time you stop the music. Call on a child and ask them to tell what sound the letter makes.
- Play 10–15 rounds. Offer support as needed.

- For children who have mastered reading letter o and the /ŏ/ sound, challenge them to identify words that start with /ŏ/ or /n/.
- In advance, make a list of words that begin with /n/ and words that begin with /ö/. For example: new, nine, nice, necklace, north, night, olive, octagon, on, ox, otter, omelet, and October. Include about 15–30 words.
- Give each child **Letter Tiles** *n* and *o*.
- Explain that children will use the Letter Tiles to identify the initial letter in words. "When I say a word that starts with the sound InI, hold up your Letter Tile n. When I say a word that starts with the sound fol, hold up your Letter Tile o. Let's practice. Ready? Newt." Check that each child is holding up Letter Tile n. Correct as necessary.
- Read one word at a time from your list of words with initial /n/ and /ö/ sounds. Have children hold up their Letter Tile n for words that begin with /n/ and hold up their Letter Tile o for words that begin with /ö/.
- Extend the game by giving each child a turn to call out a word that starts with /ŏ/ or /n/.

REASONS FOR CLASSROOM PRACTICE

 Necessary to meet the needs of all students and give each the chance of being a successful reader or to allow advanced readers to work on something more challenging.

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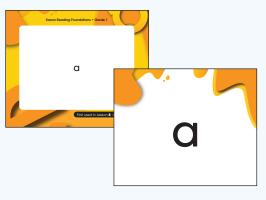
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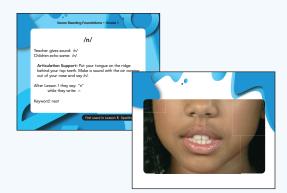
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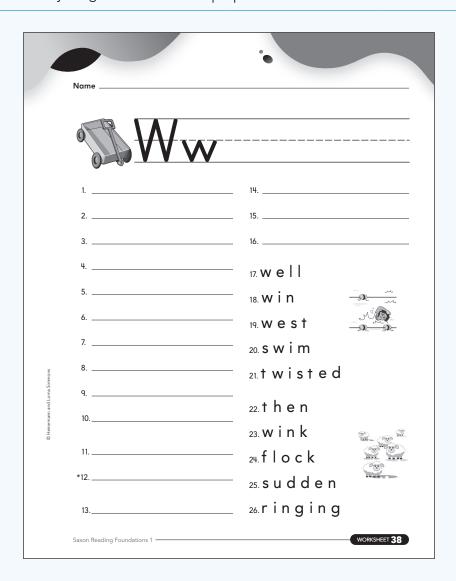
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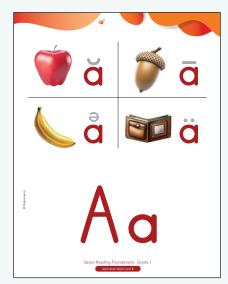
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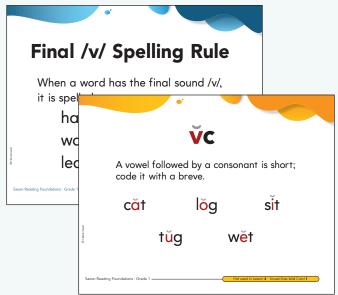
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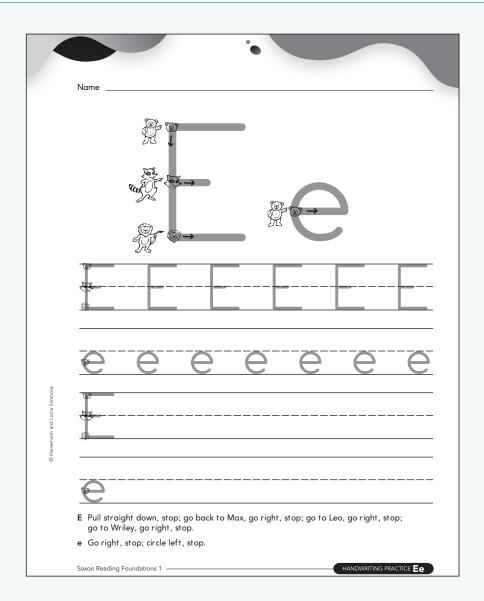
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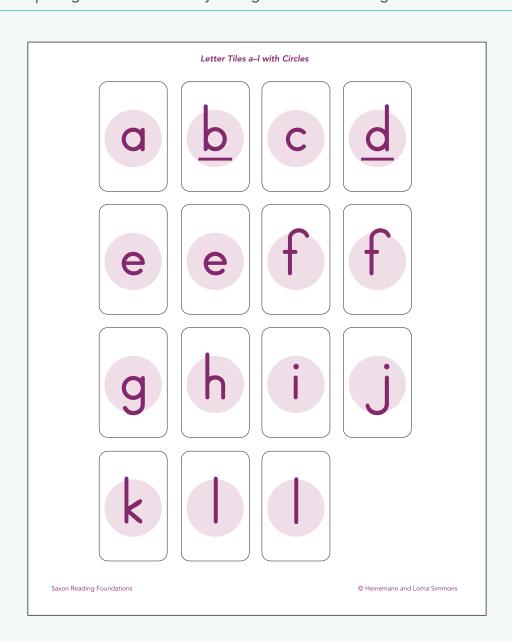
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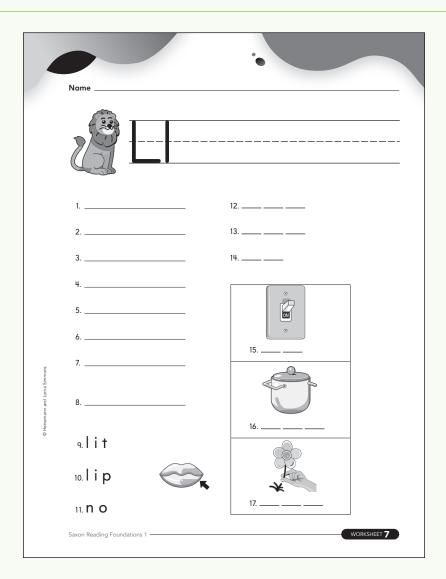


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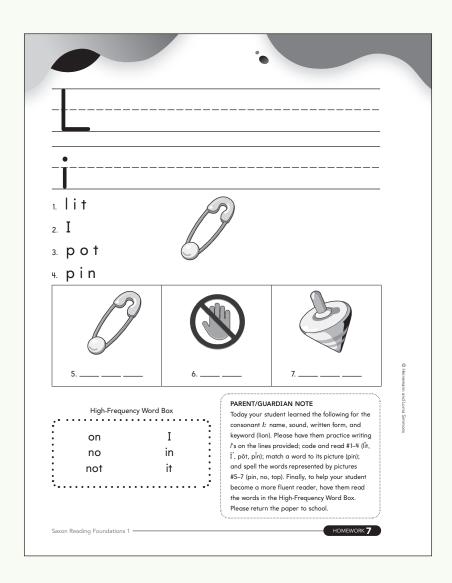
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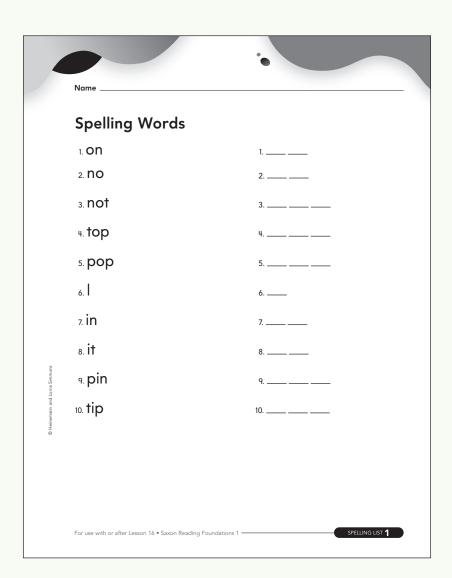
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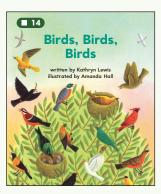
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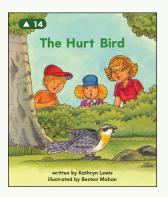
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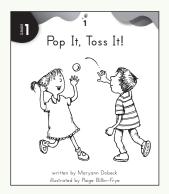
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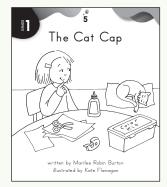
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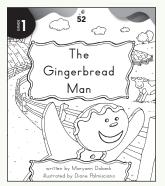












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- Lead children in signing the letter o and chanting: "O says /ŏ/."
- Teach children the ASL sign for octopus: make an o with one hand (for the head), touch it to the back of the other hand, and wiggle your fingers (for tentacles).
- Have children make the hand signs for letter o and for octopus as they chant: "O says /ŏ/ as in octopus."

- read letters n and o, have them practice identifying capital N and O and lowercase n and o.
- Play musical letters with capital N, lowercase n, capital O, and lowercase o. Gather 16 sheets of paper and markers in four colors. Use four pages for each letter, and write the letter in a different color on each page.
- Tape the letters to the floor, widely spaced.
- Explain how to play musical letters. "I'm going to play music. When the music stops, listen to the color and letter that I call out, then run and put your foot on that letter.'
- Play music on your smartphone, radio, or CD player. Have children walk around the letters in a circle while the music plays.
- Say a color and a capital or lowercase letter each time you stop the music. Call on a child and ask them to tell what sound the letter makes.
- Play 10-15 rounds. Offer support as needed.

- reading letter o and the /ŏ/ sound, challenge them to identify words that start with /ŏ/ or /n/.
- In advance, make a list of words that begin with /n/ and words that begin with /ŏ/. For example: new, nine, nice, necklace, north, night, olive, octagon, on, ox, otter, omelet, and October. Include about 15–30 words
- Give each child Letter Tiles n and o.
- Explain that children will use the **Letter Tiles** to identify the initial letter in words. "When I say a word that starts with the sound /n/, hold up your Letter Tile n. When I say a word that starts with the sound /ŏ/, hold up your Letter Tile o. Let's practice. Ready? Newt." Check that each child is holding up Letter Tile n. Correct as necessary.
- · Read one word at a time from your list of words with initial /n/ and /ŏ/ sounds. Have children hold up their **Letter Tile n** for words that begin with /n/ and hold up their **Letter Tile o** for words that begin with /ŏ/.
- Extend the game by giving each child a turn to call out a word that starts with /ŏ/ or /n/.

REASONS FOR CLASSROOM PRACTICE

Necessary to meet the needs of all students and give each the chance of being a successful reader or to allow advanced readers to work on something more challenging.