OLLIE™

Oral Language Learning in Education

READINESS LEVEL

About OLLIE	The (OLLIE) Oral Language Learning in Education is a research based program designed to foster and develop oral language skills supporting academic achievement in the areas of syntax and morphology. OLLIE's Learning System allows students to see it, hear it, talk it, touch it, and learn it. OLLIE's Lessons are aligned to the Common Core Standards. This alignment can be found on the back of each activity card.
Materials needed	Most of the materials needed (such as word lists and picture cards) can be found in the appendices within your kit. OLLIE will be most effective if you integrate the program into your classroom. Some suggestions to do so are written into the activities. For example, some lessons suggest that you chart student answers or use relevant objects or reading materials from your classroom to support learning. Doing so will make OLLIE even more relevant to your students.

HOW TO USE OLLIE'S READINESS LEVEL

The Readiness Level is designed to build a strong skill foundation. The Readiness Level consists of 9 Lessons, with each lesson containing 3 instructional activities. The activities are tiered in nature, beginning with a basic skill and increasing in differentiated difficulty. The activities lend themselves well to a Response to Intervention (RtI) instructional model.

The format for instruction in the Readiness Level is as follows:

- Review the Lesson Card you will be using and pull any necessary materials from the appendix.

- Follow the directions on the Lesson Card for each activity. Instructions/directions are written in regular typeface. Words written in bold print are the words you will say aloud to your students to provide direction and prompt their learning. Examples and student responses are provided as appropriate.

- Continue the activity as per the directions. Most activities recommend that you continue until each student has answered appropriately.

ASSESSMENT WITH OLLIE

Embedded Progress Monitoring: Lessons contain examples of correct student responses so that teacher can evaluate student progress during and after meaningful lessons

OLLIE Skills Inventory: A skills inventory is included with OLLIE to enable teachers to quickly determine which students will benefit most from the OLLIE Lessons.

Standardized Tests: OLLIE is compatible with several widely used assessments for early learners. Tests that can be used as measures of achievement in conjunction with OLLIE include:

- TEEM: Test for Examining Expressive Morphology
- SPELT: Structured Photographic Expressive Language Test
- BOEHM: Boehm Test of Basic Concepts (Prepositions)
- DIBELS: Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills