Early Reading Continuum

Readers' behaviours as they develop ____

* use basic concepts about print: moving through text from front to back, left to right, and return sweep	* control early print concepts (one-to-one matching, directionality)	control early concepts of print consistently, including on new texts
* use one-to-one matching of spoken word with written word by pointing to each word as it is said	* begin to move away from consistent finger pointing; eyes begin to control the process of looking at text	* track print with eyes (not finger pointing) except at points of difficulty or on new text
* pay attention to print – noticing some features of letters and words	* move fluently through text while actively reading for meaning	* maintain fluency while reading with attention to meaning
* recognize some high- frequency words	increase high-frequency word vocabulary	* use phonics and word families to identify new words
identify most letters (sounds and names)	identify all letters (sounds and names)	* use punctuation and understanding of language structure to support phrasing and meaning (reading sounds like talking)
* begin to match initial consonant sounds and letters in familiar words	* reread to confirm or problem solve	reread to confirm, make other attempts, and self- correct



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* show flexibility in choosing strategies for problem—solving (analogies, word parts, letter/ sound relationships)	* monitor and adjust reading rate, slowing down as needed to problem solve or think about meaning, and then resuming normal speed	 solve unfamiliar words or ideas 'on the run' without taking focus away from meaning mostly read silently
* use punctuation for phrasing and intonation	* use fluent and phrased reading, especially on rereading	read with phrasing and expression over longer portions of text
* use automatic recognition of many high frequency words to move more quickly through text	* predict and self-correct	* solve multisyllabic words flexibly
* use the meaning of the whole story, not just the immediate part, to support quick processing of the text	* pick up momentum while moving through the text, based on understanding the text's structure and the meaning of the story as a whole	interpret plots, themes, or information through application of comprehension strategies and understanding of genre

