University of Florida Literacy Initiative
Tutoring for Beginning Readers
Session Guide

Step 1: Gaining Fluency

- Select and read 1-4 familiar books (3-4 minutes)
- Work with familiar words (3-4 minutes)
- Record observations and focus of word work

Step 2: Measuring Progress

- Present book from previous session
- Take running record while child reads (2-3 minutes)
- Provide feedback regarding self-corrections you observed
- Quickly discuss story

Step 3: Writing for Reading

- Elicit, record, and code sentence (30 seconds)
- Work on each word, while coaching student (8-9 minutes)
- Cut apart and reassemble yesterday’s sentence (1 minute)

Step 4: Reading a New Book

- Introduce new book (1-2 minutes)
- Coach student through new book (6-7 minutes)
- Discuss story (30 seconds)
- Work with new words (2 minutes)
- Record strategies used and focus of word work

Step 5: Extending Literacy

- This step will take 2-8 minutes, depending on genre selected.
- Introduce genre to student
- Demonstrate use, read to or with student
- Record genre, text, & focus