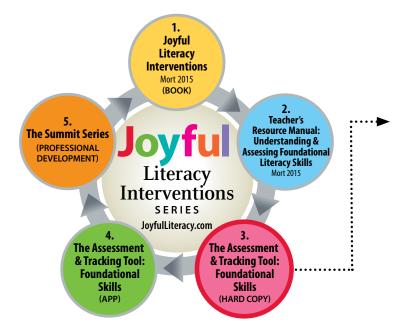
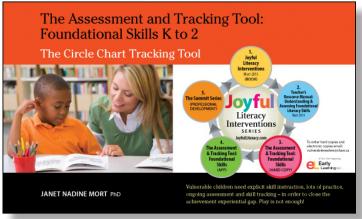
# The Joyful Literacy Series

### Introducing the **NEW**

# Circle Chart Assessment and Tracking Tool





# Why are the 'Circle Charts' so Innovative and Important?

Recent research (2009) has affirmed that without specific foundational skills in kindergarten and grade one, most vulnerable children will struggle throughout their school experience due to a lack of specific skills, confidence and diminished self concept. Research not only has identified skills essential in kindergarten and grade one but also maintains that 90% of all children should be able to be successful if these skills are mastered in kindergarten, grade one and grade two. In many jurisdictions fewer than 70% of children enter school ready for literacy expectations, yet the most recent research suggests most 4-year-olds are developmentally ready. The problem is that many young children have not had rich literacy experiences between birth and age five.

These *Circle Charts* provide teachers with a simple tool that will guide the initial assessment at kindergarten entry and track each child's progress on a daily basis. This ongoing assessment will guide daily small-group instruction for vulnerable children in a play-based environment enabling many to reach grade two or three achieving at the same level as their more fortunate peers. The charts were developed professionally. The skills identified on the charts are based on the NELP (National Early Learning Panel, 2009) report and the work of major literacy experts who present at the Summits and are well informed about the most recent research.

The most important implementation issue for vulnerable children is that these skills MUST be introduced and embedded seamlessly in a PLAY-BASED environment. This integration of play, literacy and additional explicit instruction for vulnerable children is challenging for teachers – especially those new to the profession.

#### The Literacy Circle Charts: Site License

These charts are available in a site license. In the set of 26 circle charts (8.5" x 14") you will be provided with pdf files with skills listed horizontally and student spaces listed vertically.

#### **Essential Research-based Literacy Skills**

Alphabet, Phonological Awareness, Sight Words, Print Concepts, Word Work, Reading and Writing

The Circle Charts assess the following sets of skills:

#### I-A Reading Essentials

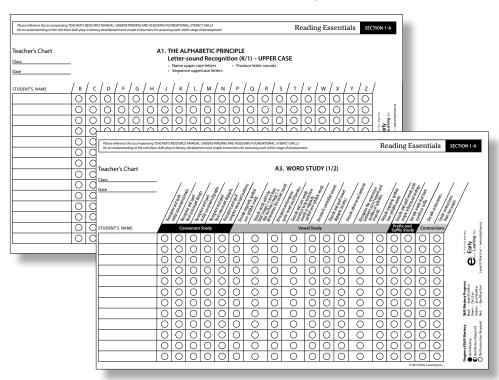
- The Alpabetic Principle
- Letter-sound Recognition
- Phonological Awareness
  - Word Study
- 1-B Concepts of Print
- 1-C Dolch High Frequency Words
- 1-D Reading Fluency and Comprehension
- 2-A Writing Essentials
  - Emergent Writing
  - Development Writing
- 3-A Oral Language
- 4-A Literacy Essentials
- 5-A Circle Chart Template

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Sight words, which comprise over 60% of all grade 3 level books are the connector words and are one of the fastest ways to encourage reading in young children. All 210 Dolch words are printed on single sheets – ten per page for a specific size of commercial labels - so that teachers can run off labels and paste them onto recipe cards for games, or in sets for individual children. Sight word cards can then be assigned to children, as they are ready, collected on key rings or placed in boxes of personal word collections. This saves hours of work printing, cutting and pasting them and makes it possible to give children their own individual sets.

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Sample Circle Charts



Blank circles indicate the skills that have not yet been mastered by the child; half circles identify skills that require review and re-assessment; filled-in circles indicate skill mastery, and the colors indicate in which term the child mastered the skill. Skills are taught in a joyful play-based environment in large groups or small groups informed by skill needs or individually as necessary. The goal is skill mastery for tier one and tier two children before the end of grade 2. Tier three children will likely require external support and pullout services. Circle Charts should be passed on from kindergarten to grade 1 to avoid unnecessary re-assessments.

#### **Site License Pricing: Circle Charts**

Type of Site	Site License Fee
Single Classroom	\$ 75.00
Small School (1 - 10 classrooms)	\$ 300.00
Large School (10 + classrooms)	\$ 600.00
Small School District (1 - 10 schools)	\$ 1500.00
Large School District (10 + schools)	\$ 3000.00

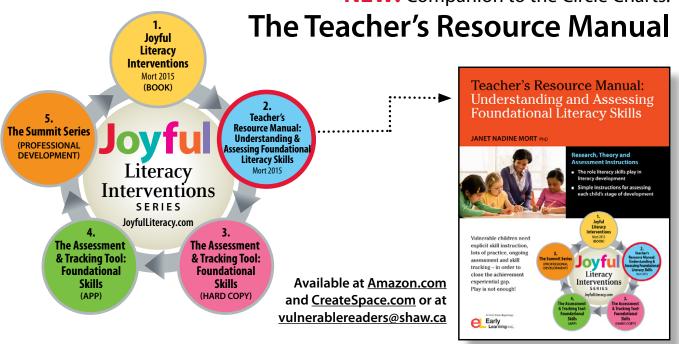
#### Circle Charts will be delivered electronically.

To purchase *Circle Charts* as a site license, please email <u>vulnerablereaders@shaw.ca</u> to request an order form. Thank You.

If some of your staff prefer an electronic version of the Circle Charts, they can be accessed free for the

2015/2016 school year at: iTunes: <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/joyful-literacy-by-junyo/id991352698?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/joyful-literacy-by-junyo/id991352698?mt=8</a>
Android: <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.junyo.joyfulliteracy&hl=en">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.junyo.joyfulliteracy&hl=en</a>

#### **NEW!** Companion to the Circle Charts:



#### A Message from Janet N. Mort PhD

#### **Dear Colleagues:**

I have developed this *Teacher's Resource Manual* to accompany my *Joyful Literacy Series* so that teachers have an up-to-date manual that defines the skills young children require to become literate. It provides instructions for assessing the skills in simple and informal ways that are consistent with the latest research on the science of literacy.

**The Science of Literacy** has evolved most significantly in the past decade (post 2005). While conducting classroom research studies in implementation pilot sites over the course of the past seven years, it became apparent to me that teachers who had graduated prior to 2005 had sincere intentions, but wanted and needed updates on the most recent research on literacy foundational skills. Even some universities and teacher preparation programs were providing "dated" research to new graduates.

For this reason I developed this *Joyful Literacy Teacher's Resource*. It is research-based (post 2009) as well as common core compliant – suitable as a support for literacy programs anywhere.

#### Site License Pricing: Teacher's Resource Manual

Type of Site	Site License Fee
Single Classroom	\$ 29.95
Small School (1 - 10 classrooms)	\$ 250.00
Large School (10 + classrooms)	\$ 400.00
Small School District (1 - 10 schools)	\$ 1000.00
Large School District (10 + schools)	\$ 2000.00

#### Content

For each section of the manual listed in the Table of Contents teacher are provided with the following template.

Part One of each section:

- describes the relevant research;
- defines what children need to know in general terms;
- · identifies why the skill set is important; and
- the list of skills that need to be assessed (which are also the skills referenced in the Circle Chart Assessment and Tracking Tools – hard copy and app).

Part Two of each section provides assessment instructions including:

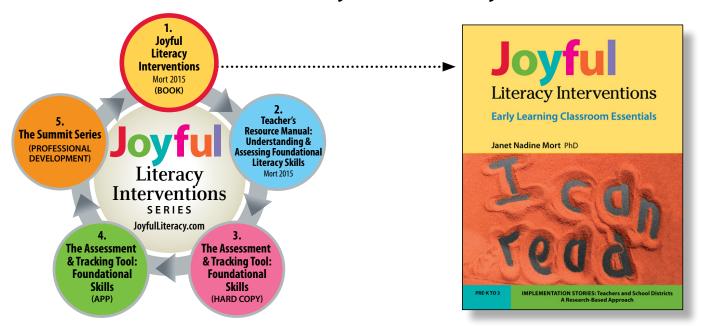
- · the purpose;
- achievement indicators;
- · recommended procedures;
- examples the teacher can use to conduct the assessment.

The Teacher's Resource Manual can be delivered electronically by requesting an order form from vulnerablereaders@shaw.ca.

It can also be purchased in hard copy from Amazon.com or CreateSpace.com.

#### The "Classroom How to" Book:

## **Joyful Literacy Interventions**



Available at <u>Amazon.com</u> and CreateSpace.com

You may also be interested in Janet's book which documents the success stories in classrooms that have implemented these resources successfully.

While the five resources identified in the graphic are designed to be used independently they are also mutually supportive – written by Dr. Janet Mort to document her research and the pilot classroom successes.

Joyful Literacy Interventions (Mort, 2015)

documents the experiences of two hundred teachers who worked with Janet to implement her methodology in their classrooms. The research base is described, teachers describe their success stories and provide hundreds of practical ideas for fun-filled learning games and activities, as well as their experiences using the Circle Chart Assessment and Tracking Tool.

If you are interested in attending Summits please visit <u>JoyfulLiteracy.com</u> or <u>VulnerableReaders.ca</u> for information about times and locations of upcoming Summits. For the 2015/16 school year there will be a Mini Summit in Vancouver in the fall and spring Summits in Portland Oregon and Spokane WA.

A First Class Beginning:

