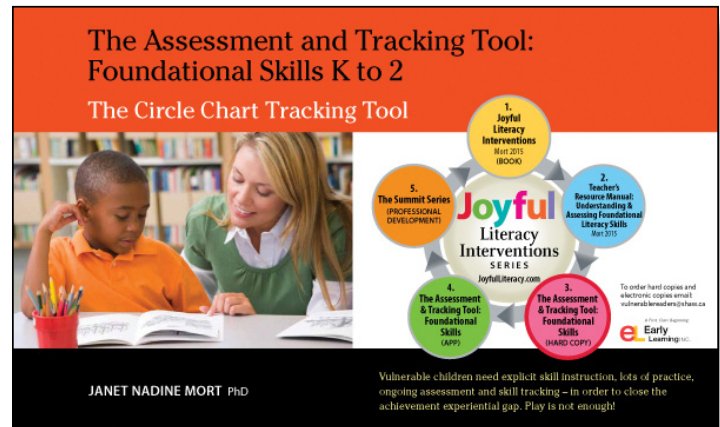
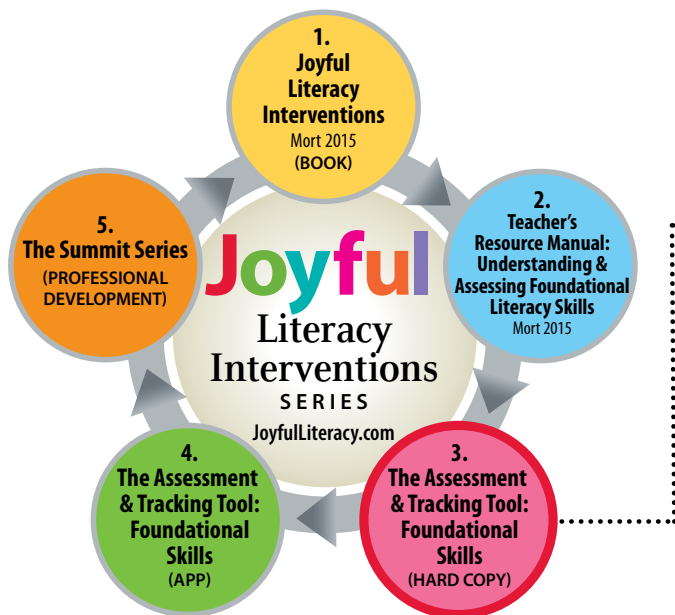


# The Joyful Literacy Series

## 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

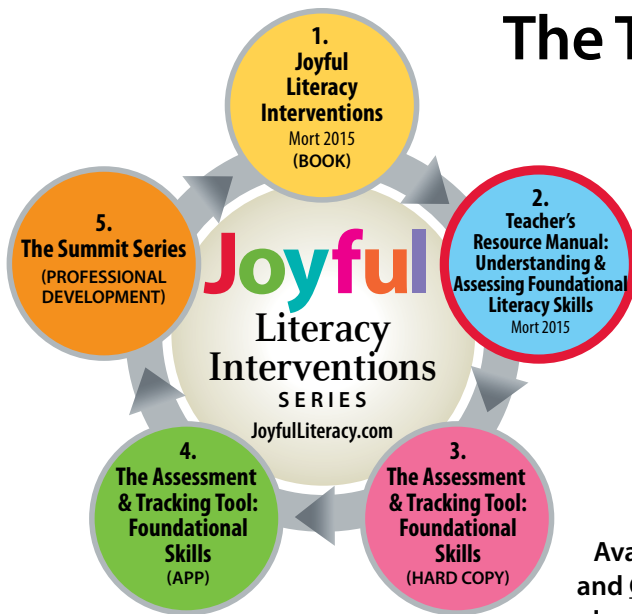
Alphabet, Phonological Awareness, Sight Words, Print Concepts, Word Work, Reading and Writing

The Circle Charts assess the following sets of skills:

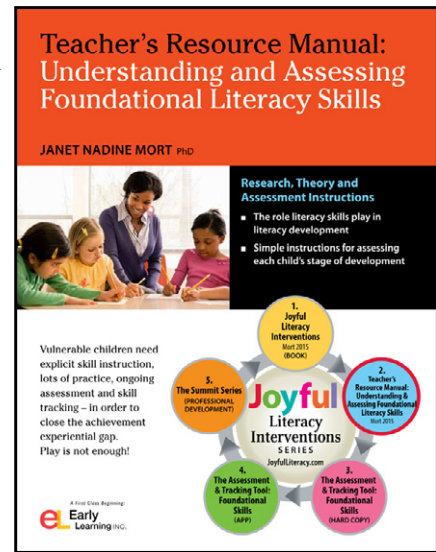
- I-A Reading Essentials**
  - The Alphabetic Principle
  - Letter-sound Recognition
  - Phonological Awareness
  - Word Study
- 1-B Concepts of Print**
- 1-C Dolch High Frequency Words**
- 1-D Reading Fluency and Comprehension**
- 2-A Writing Essentials**
  - Emergent Writing
  - Development Writing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



**NEW!** Companion to the Circle Charts:  
**The Teacher's Resource Manual**



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## 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
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## 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).

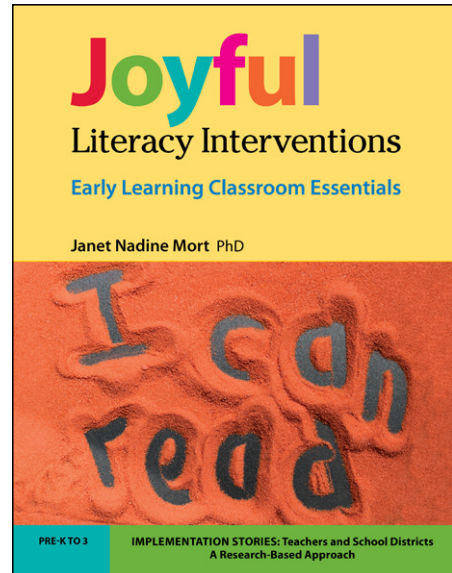
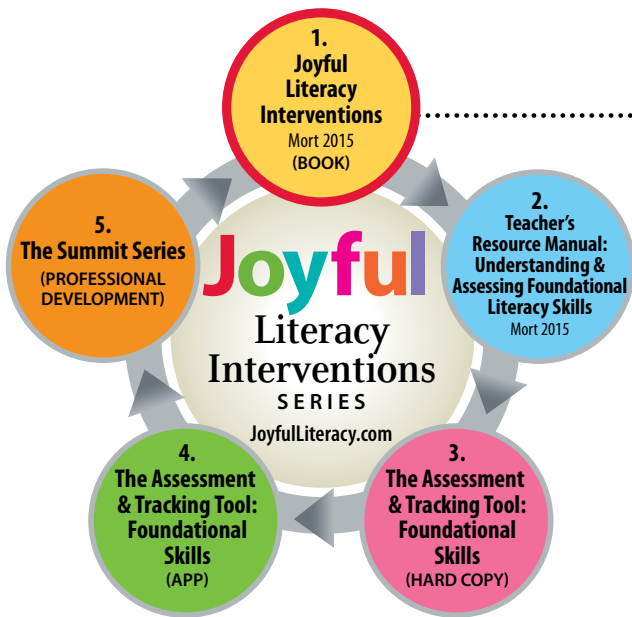
Part Two of each section provides assessment instructions including:

- 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](mailto:vulnerablereaders@shaw.ca).

It can also be purchased in hard copy from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [CreateSpace.com](https://www.createspace.com).

# The “Classroom How to” Book: Joyful Literacy Interventions



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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 [JoyfulLiteracy.com](http://JoyfulLiteracy.com) or [VulnerableReaders.ca](http://VulnerableReaders.ca) 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.

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