



**Online Professional Development
through Illinois Virtual School**

TOPICS ADDRESSED

PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Building prerequisite skills for long-term reading and spelling success

PHONICS

Helping students understand and apply the alphabetic principle

FLUENCY

Providing a bridge between word recognition and comprehension

VOCABULARY

Building an understanding of words and word parts essential for comprehension

COMPREHENSION

Understanding how words fit together to form meaning

MEETING DIVERSE LEARNERS

Providing instruction to meet the literacy needs of a diverse student population

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Demonstrating strong links between family involvement and student benefits

EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES THAT PROMOTE EARLY READING SUCCESS

The goal of *Illinois Reading First* is to enhance knowledge of effective instructional practices that promote early reading success. Research indicates that early intervention is the key to preventing later reading difficulties. In this course, you will examine ways to help children in grades K-3 acquire the knowledge, skills, and experiences they must have to achieve levels of literacy that will enable them to be successful through their school careers and beyond.

Because this course does not have an instructor, *you will progress at your own pace* through all of the lessons within each of the topics. You will be asked to complete self-assessments and share with colleagues in the discussion boards. You will not have any assignments to turn in for a grade. You will need to *spend 2-3 hours per week* to complete the course within the four months of access.

There are four grade level specific courses to choose from: K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade. The Kindergarten and 1st Grade courses are worth 30 CPDUs each and the 2nd and 3rd Grade courses are worth 24 CPDU's each. Each course has been aligned to Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts (ELA).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To receive an authorization code and directions for enrolling in this self-paced course, please contact Beth Preston, Regional Office of Education #11, by email at bpreston@roe11.org or phone at 217-348-0151.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on *Illinois Reading First* and Illinois Virtual School, please visit the IVS website at <http://www.ilvirtual.org>

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