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Overview

CISNC Introduction

In the 2014-2015 school-year, Communities In Schools of North Carolina (CISNC) introduced a framework that aligns site and student metrics and interventions and supports to four areas that have been shown to have the greatest impact on student success: attendance, behavior, coursework, and parent involvement, or ABC+P. Both combined and individually, attendance, behavior, and coursework are among the best predictors of a student's academic success and on-time graduation. While collecting data around ABC+P is critically important to understanding the school and student, it is even more important to use the data to drive high impact intervention and support delivery to empower each student to reach their full potential. To this end, Communities In Schools of North Carolina has partnered with the SERVE Center at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to design curricula specifically for CIS within the ABC+P framework to enhance student outcomes in school and success in life. This document is one of more than 50 modules developed to support local CIS staff and most importantly the students that are served. We encourage you to explore all of the modules available online at <u>www.cisnc.org</u>.

Using Evidenced-Based Strategies

There are a multitude of strategies that claim to address coursework, but there are few that actually do so for all students. We suggest that schools use an evidence-based, decision-making model to ensure that high quality information informs the decisions made.

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) at the U.S. Department of Education defines evidence-based decision making as routinely seeking out the best available information on prior research and recent evaluation findings before adopting programs or practices that will demand extensive material or human resources (including both funding and teacher time) and/or affect significant numbers of students (Whitehurst, 2004).

CISNC uses the Response to Intervention (RTI) framework as the basis for its practices. RTI is a multitiered framework of academic and behavioral interventions that require school staff to make instructional decisions based on data. This document focuses on a Tier 2 strategy. Tier 2 strategies typically focus on students who have not responded to Tier 1 supports and includes supplemental instruction and interventions that are periodically monitored to ensure students are responding to the supports. Tier 2 supports are targeted, structured, explicit and can take place in small groups or general education classrooms.

CISNC calls for the use of evidence-based interventions versus generally researched practices. The National Center on Response to Intervention (NCRTI) defines evidence-based interventions as:

... an intervention for which data from scientific, rigorous research studies have demonstrated (or empirically validated) the efficacy of the intervention.



Applying findings from experimental studies, single-case studies, or strong quasi-experimental studies, an evidence-based intervention improves student learning beyond what is expected without that intervention (Center on Response to Intervention [Center on RTI] at American Institutes for Research and the National Center on Intensive Intervention (NCII), 2014, p. 4).

Whereas a research based curricula "may" incorporate strategies that have been generally researched, but not studied using a rigorous research design. The following suggestion is based on interventions that have been studied using a scientific, rigorous research design. When incorporated with fidelity and as a part of a systematic process, students should positively respond to these strategies.

This document is written to provide intensive coursework interventions based on the best evidence from prior research and recent evaluations in elementary schools. In the context of our review, we propose two interventions designed to help struggling elementary students:

- Coursework Supplemental Mathematics
- Coursework Supplemental Reading

This document will focus on one easy to implement reading intervention for elementary schools.

Problem/Rationale

The Common Core State Standards for elementary and secondary education have been implemented to ensure that students are college and career ready for a globally competitive society upon high school graduation. Currently, more than 40% of students are leaving high school without being college and career ready (Achieve, 2012). In conjunction with these standards, many states have also instituted universal screening mechanisms to verify that students are achieving proficiency in key subject areas, as well as to accurately identify students with learning difficulties so that additional support may be provided.

One area of concern is elementary literacy. Nationally, 65% of elementary students are not demonstrating mastery of these critical skills (National Center for Education Statistics, 2013). In other words, millions of children in the United States cannot comprehend or evaluate text, reference related points, or support conclusions about the text. Students who are not reading at grade level by third grade are four times less likely to graduate on time from high school compared to those students reading proficiently at third grade (Hernandez, 2011). Without a high school education, students will only be qualified for 10% of available jobs (Achieve, 2012).

Literacy allows learners to employ their knowledge and past experiences, confidence, identity, and motivation to develop their reading skills in relevant ways, while learning



about the world around them. Yet, even with quality classroom instruction, some students still struggle with the core curriculum and require additional instructional support to be successful at school. The Institute for Education Sciences provides the following recommendations for interventions designed to support students who struggle with reading (Gersten et al., 2009).

- Provide intensive, systematic instruction to students in small groups on up to three foundational reading skills.
- Monitor progress monthly.

In addition to regular screening (fall, winter, spring) to identify students who fall below benchmark scores or are not making satisfactory progress with the core curriculum, targeted and sustained interventions should be provided to struggling students, based on individual need, over an extended period of time. The intervention should involve frequent checking and monitoring of the student's academic growth measures, faithful implementation of the core curriculum and supplemental instruction in targeted areas (i.e., intervention), and data-based decision making (Lembke, Hampton & Beyers, 2012).

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to focus on one easy to implement intervention that can be used in elementary schools. Student Support Specialists can supplement struggling students' reading development through:

- Intensive small group tutoring.
- Additional intervention strategies for schools.
- Tools and resources to share with students, schools and families.

Implementation Plan

Uses

Middle schools can use the sample intervention plan to assist at-risk students in improving their reading performance and academic outcomes. As identified in the sample, there may be times when the Student Support Specialist, teacher, or other instructional and support staff will assume primary responsibility for a component of the intervention, while at other times, additional school staff such as a School Intervention Team be collectively responsible for aspects of implementation of the intervention. Such distinctions will be noted in the sample intervention.

Audiences

The primary audience for this intervention is elementary students (grades 1-3).



Materials/Equipment/Space

- Student screening/assessment results
- Teaching space for small group of 3 students
- Leveled reading materials
- Curriculum based assessment tests
- Small prizes for treasure box (e.g., pencils, erasers, stickers, etc.)

Note: For presentations, check for access to computer, Smartboard or data projector and screen, relevant power cords, and remote slide advancer.

Time

- 40 minutes, 3-5 times weekly.
- 18 weeks.

Sample Intervention - Small Group Responsive Reading

Activity	Decision Making Level	Process Notes	
Create an intervention portfolio for each student.	Assumes the Student Support Specialist (SSS)	The intervention support team (IST) is a school-level team that serves as the	
Closely examine individual student data to identify which topical areas require additional instruction (e.g., math facts, operations, etc.).	is working in collaboration with the school's intervention support team (IST) and an Individualized Student Plan (ISP) has been developed for the student.	 primary problem solving team for all type of academic and behavioral learning issues. The team should include the classroom teacher, parent, resource or specialists as needed, guidance counselor, and principal (or designee). The Student Support Specialistt is the needs-based plan of CISNC supported intervention/services provided to student who have been identified as needing targeted (tier 2) or intensive (tier 3) 	
		interventions and supports to be successful in school and life. Sample data sources include: benchmarks/curriculum based measurements (CBMs) such as EOG, EVAAS, PowerSchool, kindergarten registration screening, other assessment data, as well as attendance and disciplinary records.	
 Establish intervention framework. Small group meeting time should be held when core reading instruction is <u>not</u> taking place. 	Student Support Specialist and Intervention Support Team	Ensure that students included in the small group are all matched at the right intervention level and with students at the same level of need. For example, you would not match kindergartners with 2 nd graders even though they may need the same level	



Activity	Decision Making Level	Process Notes
 Create small groups of 3 students per group. Match by grade level, proficiency, curriculum area weakness, etc. 		of reading support as this would likely cause additional stressors for the 2 nd grade student.
- Meet with each student's parent to inform about intervention and ways they can help student at home.		Consider a behavior management system for small group sessions, such as a group reward. Place marbles in a jar for satisfactory group work at the end of every session. At the end of the week, if the group has collected a certain amount of marbles, they get to choose small prizes
 Determine the curriculum content. Should focus on reading instruction (comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary) appropriate to the student's needs and developmental level. Should build skills gradually (i.e. move from easy to hard) and integrate with other skills. Should involve lots of interaction with student (e.g., frequent practice and specific feedback). 	Student Support Specialist and Intervention Support Team	 from the treasure box. Curriculum content does not necessarily have to follow a scope and sequence format. Consider creating a list of books (leveled for difficulty) for use in guided reading instruction. Teacher may already have this list available. Use data from student assessments and weekly observations to identify student needs and strengths. Adjust instructional material as needed.
Initial meeting with each student.	Student Support Specialist	Meet with each student individually prior to the small group to build rapport and trust. - Assess student's sense of reading ability.
 Meet with small group at designated days/times. Conduct 3-5 sessions each week (40 min each session). Choose a focus student each session, sit beside the student and focus supportive instructions primarily to that student while including the other 2 students in the lesson. Alternate focus student daily so that each student receives concentrated attention every three days. As students achieve consistent mastery, increase difficulty level of reading material. 	Student Support Specialist	
Sample Session Format	Student Support Specialist	Prior to reading a new book, discuss difficult word, subject matter and encourage students to make predictions to



Activity	Decision Making Level	Process Notes
Step 1: Model fluent and		link the book to prior knowledge and
expressive reading. (10 min)		establish purpose for reading.
- Focus on the meaning of		
punctuation marks, reading		Step 1 builds comprehension and fluency
smoothly and in phrases.		as you model and teach expressive reading
 Teach 3-Step Strategy for 		with students.
unknown words.		- Ask, what is another word for?
• Looks for part of the word		
they know.		Step 2 provides guided practice and
• Sound it out.		scaffolding and aids in assessment. When
Check it.		student encounters unknown words,
- With older students, stop to		remind student to use the 3-step strategy:
ask for alternate ways to use		- Ask student, do you see any parts you
key vocabulary.		know? What sound does this letter make?
Step 2: Guided reading practice.		- Say, say it slowly. Can you sound out this part? What's the first sound? Now
(10 min)Work with the session's target		sound out the next part
student in re-reading the story		- Ask, did that make sense? Did that
several times.		sound right?
 Assess target student for 		sound right.
integration of 3-step strategy.		Step 3 provides extensive practice and
- The other two students will		corrective and positive feedback in a
read to each other while you		supportive, neutral tone.
are working with the target		- Don't allow students to practice
student.		mistakes.
Step 3: Choral reading. (10 min)		Step 4 builds comprehension and
- Have the group read the		vocabulary.
passage out loud together.		- Ask students the meaning of key words.
- Correct mistakes in a neutral,		- Ask students to identify main
supportive tone.		characters, sequence story events, identify story problems (provide
- Encourage the group to		evidence), etc.
increase reading pace during		 Listen for level of detail provided, prior
each reading.		knowledge and real world connections,
Step 4: Summarizing the text. (10		etc.
min)		
- Lead students in a group		
discussion of the text.		
- Ask students to retell or		
summarize parts of the story.		
- Review vocabulary and check		
for understanding of the main		
idea.		
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<u>Note</u> : Praise students regularly		
for their persistence and		
acknowledge progress. Distribute group rewards at the end of each		
group rewards at the end of each		
week.		



Activity	Decision Making Level	Process Notes
Monitor student progress.	Student Support	Progress monitoring provides a valid
- Use curriculum based weekly	Specialist	picture of overall growth in math
mastery tests to assess student	(predetermined with	proficiency. Progress monitoring, e.g.,
progress.	IST).	talking with teachers, reviewing
 Graph student progress in a reliable way 		performance, attendance, or disciplinary
reliable way. - At end of 6 weeks.		data should be reviewed at a frequency that matches the risk and need of the
 If student is responding to 		student. It can also indicate when a
the intervention		student may no longer need the
(consistently reaching		intervention or to regroup students who
mastery), regroup based on		continue to need the intervention at
weaknesses and		different levels/targeted areas.
developmental level.		<i>"</i> , , ,
 May also decide in 		Consider allowing students to graph their
consultation with IST		weekly progress on a bar graph. Students
review to return to regular		can use crayons to color the number of
classroom.		questions answered correctly on their
• If student is not responding,		mastery tests.
continue for additional 6		Establish intervention has she arbs to
weeks and re-assess at 12		Establish intervention benchmarks to monitor overall student progress.
weeks. - At end of 12 weeks.		- 6 weeks – review student intervention
 At end of 12 weeks. If student continues to 		portfolio, classroom work, behavior
respond with mastery,		charts, etc. to regroup students based
return to regular classroom.		on need and developmental level. Assess
 If inconsistent mastery 		skills needed to be reviewed or re-
levels reached, regroup		taught.
based on weaknesses and		- 12 weeks – are students progressing?
developmental need.		• If not, are critical components
 If no response, assess 		missing from the
impact of intervention on		lessons/intervention?
particular student. Adjust		- 18 weeks – IST determines whether
as needed.		intervention was successful for the
- At the end of 18 weeks.		student.
		• Can/should student be returned to the regular classroom? What will
		ongoing monitoring look like (e.g.,
		weekly follow-up with the teacher
		and/or touching base with the
		student to ensure that the student
		continues to do well)?
		• If no, refer for more intensive
		intervention (one-on-one) or
		continue additional weeks of small
		group instruction?



Suggested Supplemental Activities

- Plan professional development days to train school staff on the intervention framework.
- Develop an intervention support team to facilitate intervention (if the school does not already have one in place).
- Conduct a school-wide self-assessment/readiness to implement specific components and practices (e.g., screening and monitoring, core reading topics to be covered during interventions, systematic and intensive instruction in tiered interventions).
- Plan regular data days to review the results of screening, benchmark, and/or end-of-year assessments.



Resources

The following resources are identified as part of the intervention. Read through these resources carefully to become familiar with any concepts and instructions as they pertain to the content and intervention.

NC Standard Course of Study for K-12 English Language Arts

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/curriculum/languagearts/scos/ncscsela.pdf

The following resources will provide additional information and suggestions for enhancing intervention activities and using data for decision making. Read through the resources carefully to become familiar with the information, any concepts and instructions as they pertain to the content and the extension of activities, and to determine their level of usefulness to the specific intervention.

Center on Response to Intervention

http://www.rti4success.org/

Doing What Works Library

Doing What Works helps educators understand and use research-based practices. This library includes interviews with researchers and educators, multimedia examples and sample materials from real schools and classrooms, and tools that can help educators take action.

http://dwwlibrary.wested.org/

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http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/pdf/practice guides/rti reading pg 021809.pdf

Intervention Central

Intervention Central provides teachers, schools and districts with free resources to help struggling learners and implement Response to Intervention and attain the Common Core State Standards.

http://www.interventioncentral.org/

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Measuring Success

Identifying outcomes and collecting data to measure the success of the intervention can help track the quality of implementation as well as the effectiveness of the intervention. In addition to state/district benchmark assessments, following are some additional suggestions that may be useful to measure success.

- General student outcomes
 - Curriculum-Based Measurements
 - Weekly progress monitoring
 - Attendance and/or disciplinary reports
- Content mastery
 - Assess student rate of progress (e.g., # sessions for student to attain consistent mastery)
- Observations (Student Support Specialist, teacher)
 - Student engagement and effort
 - Documented conversations with teachers, other school personnel, student, etc.
- Fidelity of implementation
 - Fidelity to lesson plan/sessions
 - Length of time per session
 - Effectiveness of intervention curriculum
- Parental feedback



Appendices

- A. References
- **B. Research Alignment**



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Appendix B: Research Alignment

Citation	Brief Summary of Strategy	Sample Size	Impact/Evidence of Effectiveness	Implementation
Bryant, D. P., Bryant, B.	The purpose of this	204 students; 139 in	The treatment group	At the beginning of the
R., Roberts, G., Vaughn,	study was to	the treatment group	performed better than	academic year, the PI
S., Pfannenstiel, K. H.,	determine the effects	and 65 in the control	the comparison group	provided a three hour
Porterfield, J., Gersten, R.	of an early numeracy	group.	on addition and	training to teachers on
(2011). Early numeracy	preventative		subtraction	the intervention lessons
intervention program for			combinations, p <	and instructional
first-grade students with	the mathematics		.0001; place value, p <	materials.
mathematics difficulties.	performance of first-		.002; number	
Exceptional Children,	grade students with		sequences, p < .00001;	There were 11 units of
<i>78</i> (1), 7-23.	mathematics		and the Texas Early	instruction; each unit
	difficulties.		Mathematics	included 8 days of
			Inventories-progress	lessons. Each
	The early numeracy		Monitoring (TEMI-PM)	instructional day
	intervention program		total score, p < .01.	included a warm-up and
	focused on number		There was no group	two scripted lessons.
	and operation		difference on problem	Each of the two daily
	mathematical ideas,		solving measures.	lessons was 10 min in
	including problem			length, while the warm-
	solving, that were		By the end of first	up was 3 minutes and
	drawn from prominent		grade, 45% of	consisted of fluency
	sources on		treatment students and	
	mathematics		22% of comparison	taught skills.
	instruction. Activities		students were no	
	included: counting		longer at risk for	There was also a
	sequence, counting		mathematics	behavior management
	principles, number		difficulties.	contingency system in



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	knowledge and relationships, partitioning and grouping of tens and units, and numerous opportunities for students to learn about combining and separating sets and working with basic facts.			place. Students had to meet the criteria of "Math Ready" before earning reinforcement. Tutoring sessions also occurred 4 days a week for 25 minutes per session (when time permitted) for intervention students.
Gilbert, J. L., Compton, D. L., Fuchs, D., Fuchs, L. S., Bouton, B., Barquero, L. A., & Cho, E. (2015). Efficacy of a first-grade responsiveness-to- intervention prevention model for struggling readers. <i>Reading</i> <i>Research Quarterly</i> , 48(2), 135-154.	This study examined the efficacy of a multi- tiered supplemental tutoring program for struggling first grade readers. The RTI model for this study combined several aspects: identified at risk students, monitored	Struggling first-grade readers ($n = 649$) were screened and progress monitored at the start of the school year. Those identified as unresponsive to general education Tier 1 ($n = 212$) were randomly assigned to receive Tier 2 small- group supplemental	All groups made gains from pretest to posttest on all measures (word identification word attack, sight-word efficiency, and phonemic decoding efficiency), but some gains were higher than others.	The instructional focus of the activities included in the supplemental, remedial tutoring program were letter- sound correspondence, sight-word recognition, phonemic awareness, decoding, spelling, and reading fluency.
	progress to make decisions about responsiveness, determined students'	tutoring $(n = 134)$ or to continue in Tier 1 $(n = 78)$. Progress- monitoring data were	Results concluded that for students who were deemed at risk for reading difficulties	format. Tier II: small-group format with tutoring



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Citation		Sample Sizeused to identify non- responders to Tier 2 (n = 45), who were then randomly assigned to more Tier 2 tutoring (n = 21) or one-on-one Tier 3 tutoring (n = 24).	Effectiveness because of their nonresponse to Tier 1 instruction, supplemental reading tutoring was beneficial. Students who received tutoring (Tiers 2 and 3), on average, had significantly greater change scores than did students who received reading instruction only in their classrooms (Tier I). At the end of grade 1, slightly more students in Tier 2 (59%) scored in the average range on word reading than did students in Tier 1 (53%).	Implementation provided as a supplement 3 times a week in 45 minute sessions. Tier III: more intensive than Tier II; one-on-one tutoring format daily.
			There was no significant difference for students who received Tier III	



Citation	Brief Summary of Strategy	Sample Size	Impact/Evidence of Effectiveness	Implementation
			tutoring compared with those who received Tier II tutoring.	
Hooper, S. R., Costa, L., C., McBee, M., Anderson, K. L., Yerby, D., Childress, A., & Knuth, S. B. (2013). A written language intervention for at-risk second grade students: A randomized controlled trial of the process assessment of the learner lesson plans in a tier 2 response-to- intervention (RtI) model. <i>Annals of Dyslexia: An</i> <i>Interdisciplinary Journal</i> <i>of The International</i> <i>Dyslexia Association</i> , <i>63</i> (1), 44-64.	developmental trajectory of overall writing scores across multiple time points from grades 1 through	205 total students; 138 at risk students, randomized into treatment (n=68) vs business as usual (at- risk, non-treated), n=70. A typical group also was included (control group), n=67.	All three of the groups demonstrated growth in their writing skills over time for both the linear and curvilinear trajectories. Contrasts between the three groups showed the treatment effect was significant only on the quadratic component of the slope. The quadratic component represents an acceleration parameter, indicating that the treatment induced acceleration in the rate of writing skill acquisition for treated participants. The treatment group had a significant growth rate	All students received written language instruction via the regular classroom setting in a business-as- usual (BAU) model. Students assigned to the treatment groups also received the Process Assessment of the Learner (PAL) lesson plans in a small group format (3-6 students) in accordance with a Tier 2 intervention model, twice a week for 12 weeks. The intervention sequence employed the PAL Reading and Writing Lesson Sets 4 and 7 which comprised three



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			of writing skills acquisition at grade 1.5 and 3.5, compared to the at-risk untreated group.	sections: sub-word level—Talking Letters, word level—Spelling, and text level— Handwriting and Composition.
Johnson, E. S., Hancock, C., Carter, D. R., & Pool, J. L. (2012). Self-regulated strategy development as a tier 2 writing intervention. <i>Intervention in School</i> <i>and Clinic, 48</i> (4), 218- 222.	The purpose of this study is to describe one schools' journey to implement a Self- Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD) model to improve the writing strategies/skills of struggling 4 th grade students. The basic stages of instruction outlined for SRSD include: developing and activating background knowledge, discussing the strategy, cognitive modeling of the strategy,	7 students.	By the end of 12 weeks, four of the seven students met the goal of the TWW performance at the 50 th percentile. Two of the remaining three had performances just below the 50 th percentile.	Mountain View Elementary School decided to focus its writing intervention on : the story writing strategy and the opinion essay strategy to help develop students' writing abilities in both narrative and expository genres. The students were pulled from the end of their 90 minute reading block to attend SRSD intervention 4 days per week for 30 minutes each day. In general, the



memorization of the strategy, collaborative support of the strategy, and	intervention provider followed the steps, sample scripts, and
independent performance. In addition to these stages of writing instruction, four basic strategies for self- regulation are emphasized: goal setting, self- instruction, self- monitoring, and self- reinforcement. Fourth grade students were chosen because they had the highest percentage of students not meeting proficiency level and scoring below the 25 th percentile on the total words written (TWW) measure.	lesson plans as presented in the <i>Powerful Writing</i> <i>Strategies for All Students</i> text. In addition to the writing strategies, students were taught to use the self-regulation strategies that include monitoring their own use of the strategies, reviewing their own writing, reviewing their peers' writing, and thinking of themselves as writers. An overall "getting started" strategy of Plan, Organize, Write (POW) was presented, and then various mnemonics were taught based on the specific writing genre. For example, the strategy POW + WWW



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				(Plan, Organize, Write + Who, When, Where) was used for story writing, and the strategy POW + TREE (Plan, Organize, Write + Topic sentence, Reasons, Explain Reasons, Explain Reasons, Examine Ending) was used for opinion essays. Weekly progress monitoring measures were implemented using the TWW.
Ritchey, K. D., Silverman, R. D., Montanaro, E. A., Speece, D. L., & Schatschneider, C. (2012). Effects of a tier 2 supplemental reading intervention for at-risk fourth grade students. <i>Exceptional Children</i> , 78(3), 318-334.	This study evaluated the effects of a 24- session multicomponent supplemental intervention targeting fluency and expository comprehension of science texts.	123 4 th grade students identified as having a high probability of reading failure; 57 in the intervention group and 66 in the control group.	Intervention students performed significantly higher on science knowledge and comprehension strategy knowledge and use, but not on word reading, fluency, or other measures of reading comprehension.	The intervention occurred for 2 consecutive years and consisted of 24 scripted lessons implemented over 12 to 15 weeks. Intervention was provided in three 40-min sessions per week in groups of two to four students. Intervention was provided in addition



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			Moderator results suggested that children at higher risk in the intervention condition appeared to benefit more in comparison to lower probability children in intervention and compared to higher probability children in the control condition.	to general reading instruction provided by the classroom teachers. Tutoring by graduate research assistants was also provided. Fluency: students engaged in repeated reading, with a tutor, using a passage read in the previous lesson, for 5 to 7 min of the session. Next, students engaged in repeated reading individually or with a partner. Each lesson alternated between students rereading the passage for 3 min individually and rereading the passage with a partner (2 min per student). Comprehension: each lesson included explicit comprehension



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				instruction, vocabulary instruction, and text instruction and was approximately 25 to 30 min per session.
				Vocabulary: tutors introduced two to Four words in each lesson, following the instructional protocol for teaching vocabulary in context.
Valenzuela, V. V., Gutierrez, G., & Lambros, K. M. (2014). Response to intervention: Using single-case design to examine the impact of tier 2 mathematics interventions. School Psychology Forum: Research in Practice,	This study assessed the effectiveness of a Tier 2 standard mathematics intervention using evidence-based mathematics instructional strategies along with Touch Math to illustrate how	4 second grade students.	ROI: the rate at which an average student is expected to improve given typical instruction. One of the students met the goal of an increase of +1.5 ROI and at least +12 overall	Tier 2 of the intervention was 8 weeks. Four skills were taught during the 8 weeks of Tier 2 intervention: single-digit addition, double-digit addition, single-digit subtraction, and double- digit subtraction.
8(3), 144-155.	schools may use this approach to address the needs of struggling students. The		in M-COMP by the end of the 8 week intervention. The student's initial	Students were pulled out of their classes twice a week for a small group intervention of 30



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	strategies used were		baseline score was 9.5	minutes per session. The
	number sense		and increased to 31.	first session was devoted
	instruction, modeling			to teaching the correct
	procedures, guided		The second student	touch points for probe
	math drill and practice		had a baseline score of	numbers 1–9. In
	of addition and		8. He needed a score of	subsequent sessions,
	subtraction facts,		20 to reach his goal. He	students practiced the
	corrective feedback,		increased to a score of	touch points for the first
	and reinforcement for		15 and was deemed a	5 minutes and then were
	on-task behavior.		"responder". He	explicitly taught how to
			remained in the	use the strategy to solve
	Touch Math is an		intervention for an	computation problems
	elementary-level		additional 6 weeks.	through direct
	instructional strategy		After a total of 14	instruction and modeling
	for teaching number		weeks, he met the goal	for the next 10 minutes.
	concepts and involves		and achieved an ROI of	
	the association of		+1.57.	For non-responders, Tier
	numerical quantity			2 of the intervention was
	with the visual		The third student's	implemented for an
	representation of that		baseline score was 5.5.	additional 6 weeks. It
	number.		She needed to score a	was identical to the
			17.5 to reach her goal.	initial Tier 2 intervention
	Teachers		At the end of the first	with the exception of an
	recommended their		intervention she had	increase in intensity.
	lowest achieving math		only increased to a	
	students in need of		score of 8. It was	Motivational strategies
	additional small group		determined that she	included verbally
	support.		was a "low responder".	praising each student for



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			She remained in the	his or her participation
			intervention for an	in practicing the correct
			additional 6 weeks. By	touch points and
			the end of the 14	reinforcing on-task
			weeks, her ROI was	behavior during
			+3.1.	instruction. Tally marks
				on Post-it notes were
			The last student had a	recorded for engagement
			baseline score of 3.5. At	during guided practice
			the end of the 8 week	and completion of math
			intervention, he had	tasks. Once students
			not met his goal and	accumulated a certain
			was considered a "low	number of tally marks
			responder". He	each week, they were
			received an additional	rewarded with the
			6 weeks of the	opportunity to choose a
			intervention. Although	tangible item from a
			he did not meet the	treasure chest filled with
			goal of a +1.5 ROI, it	pencils, erasers, and
			did increase to +1.04	small toys.
			from +0.15.	

