

DRA3 Assessment Reading Calendar

While the Developmental Reading Assessment®, Third Edition (DRA™3) is arguably one of the most popular benchmarking tools for determining reading skills, its usefulness extends throughout the entire year. From initial benchmarking through consistent progress monitoring and end-of-year skills checks, DRA3 has you covered!



August

Back-to-school prep

- Conduct staff training
- Set up teacher access to the DRA3 online platform
- Attend training or review of DRA3
- Perform implementation checks
- Prepare your class lists for the Fall Benchmark Assessment
- Plan for pre-assessment activities

September

Assessments and instruction

- Conduct DRA3 assessments
- Begin follow-up instruction
- Administer the DRA3 Word Analysis to students below benchmark



October

Interventions, instruction, and progress monitoring

- Administer the Word Analysis to K-3 students below benchmark
- Progress Monitor students in grades 2-8
- Conduct Reading Engagement assessment
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction
- Prepare for Parent-Teacher conferences

November

Time for parent teacher conferences!

- Monitor progress of identified students
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction
- Conduct parent-teacher conferences



December

Progress monitoring and continued instruction

- Monitor progress of identified students
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction



January

Mid-year progress monitoring

- Monitor progress of identified students
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction
- Administer Word Analysis to emerging readers in kindergarten
- Re-administer the Word Analysis
- Follow your district assessment calendar for mid-year assessments
- Conduct follow-up instruction

February

Progress monitoring and mid-year conferences

- Monitor progress of identified students
- Administer Word Analysis to grades 1–3 students below benchmark
- Prepare for and conduct mid-year Parent-Teacher conferences
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction

March

Progress monitoring and continued instruction

- Monitor progress of identified students
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction



April

Progress monitoring and continued instruction

- Monitor progress of identified students
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction



May

Spring benchmarks and end-of-year prep

- Prepare materials for spring benchmark
- Conduct and score DRA3 end-of-year assessments
- Administer Word Analysis with students previously assessed mid-year
- Prepare suggested reading list and reading log

June

Plan for next year

- Prep student files to transition for new school year
- Order additional kits
- Restock assessment forms



July

Enjoy summer!



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