Early Steps 1:1 Word Study Features & Procedures for Tier 2 Intervention

Word Study Goal	Sort	Random Check	Memory	Spelling	Phonics Text	Bump Up	Notes
Alphabet use 2 known letters & 1 trouble letter	- no sort - instead, do Rainbow Match	N/A	- S. must say letter name & sound	N/A	N/A	- delete from lesson when S. is firm - finish in spelling	-S. must say letter name & sound
Onset-Vowels (●)	- "where does it go?" -may start w/2x1 -build to 3x4 "my turn; your turn." - **no tapping**	- teach tapping w/o words, then use w/words - diminish tapping over time, but use when S. struggles	- no justification for match needed	- 4 words - say it, match it & check it	-text matches phonics patterns in sort -T. reads comprehension support pages (no pointing) -S. points & reads all other pages	- when S. is mostly accurate during Memory - tapping ok	- for sort, model down column with voice & pencil slide, then touch last sound & emphasize w/voice - drop modeling when S. are firm
Mixed Short Vowels (●●) Any S. in 7 text must move here, even if still in O-Vs.	- "where does it go?" -build to 3x4 *Option: struggling? reduce to 2x4* - tap as needed - vowel pattern/sound - closed syllable	-tap as needed	- justify match: vowel pattern & sound while pointing w/pencil tip (e.g., i con says /ĭ/)	- see above	-text matches phonics patterns in sort -S. points & reads all pages	- Untimed WS √ - flash cards for 5 seconds/card - 32/40 or 80% - reasonable speed - tapping ok	- only intro blends & digraphs when CVCs are quite firm
Vowel Patterns (●●●)	- "where does it go?" - build to 2x6 *Option: struggling? reduce to 2x4* -tap as needed -vowel pattern/sound -closed, vowel consonant-e, r-controlled syllables	- day 1, teach ortho tapping; - tap as needed	- justify match: vowel pattern & sound while pointing (e.g., ir says /ər/)	- see above	-text matches phonics patterns in sort -S. points & reads all pages	- Untimed WS √ - flash cards for 5 seconds/card - 32/40 or 80% - reasonable speed - tapping ok	- only intro blends & digraphs when simpler words are quite firm