Teaching Reading K-2

Observational Checklist

Essential Components of Literacy Development

Literacy Teaching Practices	Oral Language	Phonological Awareness	Vocabulary/Concepts	Word Identification/Phonics (Word Study)	Comprehension	Composition	Fluency/Automaticity	
☐ Read-Aloud	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	*comments:*
☐ Shared Reading	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
☐ Guided Reading	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
☐ Independent Reading	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
☐ Interactive Writing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
☐ Independent Writing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	

Your Name: ☐ ☐ ☐ *Date:*

Video Title and Teacher:

Elements of Classroom Environment That Support Literacy

☐	Physical Space
☐	Materials and Tools
☐	Techniques and Management
☐	Tone and Atmosphere

Instructions:
Make a copy of this checklist for each of the classroom videos you watch and use it to record your observations. Each classroom you observe will have some — although probably not all — of the practices and components listed on the checklist.