
Tennessee PreK Emergent Literacy – Reading

FREE PREVIEW

Full-Year Teacher Planner, Blank Editable Planner & School-Submission Binder

This preview shows the real structure and a genuine sample of the completed planner. The full product contains 9 units, 36 weekly plans and 180 daily plans, plus blank editable versions of every form.

State	Tennessee
Grade	PreK (Early Childhood)
Subject	Emergent Literacy – Reading
Course category	Early Learning Domain
Standards family	English Language Arts / Literacy
Framework	Tennessee Early Learning Developmental Standards, Four-Year-Olds (updated January 2018)
Issuing agency	Tennessee Department of Education
Scope	36 instructional weeks · 180 instructional days · 9 units

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What you get

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Week 9 — Clapping Names

Unit 3: Words Have Beats · Month 3 · Quarter 1 · Semester 1 · Instructional Days 41–45

Essential question	How many beats are in my name?
Standards	Syllable Awareness -> PK.RL.CS.4, PK.RL.CS.5, PK.RL.CS.6, PK.RL.IKI.7 — 4 standards; full text in the standards table
Learning target	"I can clap my name."
Local dates	_____ (enter your school dates)

Measurable objectives

- Children will clap the syllables in their own name.
- Children will count the claps.

Success criteria (student-friendly)

- "I say my name slowly."
- "I clap each part."
- "I count the claps."

Academic vocabulary

clap, beat, part, count, name

Materials and technology

- Name cards
- Rhythm sticks
- Counting cubes
- Drum
- Chart paper

Differentiation and supports

Support area	This week's plan
Special education / IEP	Reduce group size; pair visual cue cards with all verbal directions; allow gesture or picture response in place of speech; pre-teach the week's target in a 1:1 warm-up.
Section 504	Provide the child's documented accommodations throughout; permit movement breaks and alternative seating at any point in the sequence.
Multilingual learners	Introduce each vocabulary word with an object or image; accept home-language responses; send the vocabulary list home where a translation is available; pair with a peer who shares the home language.
Advanced / extension	Ask the learner to teach the skill to a peer, extend the task, or record a demonstration for the class reference wall.

Support area	This week's plan
Intervention / reteach	Reteach the target in a short small group using the same materials; split the day's check for understanding into two smaller steps.
Enrichment	Extend into an open-ended centre or project connected to the essential question.

Assessment and evidence

Child claps their own name accurately.

Family communication

Clap family names at dinner.

Day 41 — My Name Has Beats

Week 9, Day 1 · Unit 3 · Standards: PK.RL.CS.4, PK.RL.CS.5, PK.RL.CS.6, PK.RL.IK1.7

Focus	Syllables in one's own name.
Learning target	"I can clap my name."
Vocabulary in use	clap, beat, part
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Circle: teacher claps each child's name. Model: teacher claps her own. Practice: children clap their names. Play: name clapping game.

Check for understanding

Child claps their own name.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

Fictional Example — Customize and Verify Before School Submission.

Most learners met the target. Two needed the visual cue repeated during guided practice; I will pre-teach with them tomorrow. The extension held attention longer than planned, so I shortened closure.

Day 42 — Counting the Claps

Week 9, Day 2 · Unit 3 · Standards: PK.RL.CS.4, PK.RL.CS.5, PK.RL.CS.6, PK.RL.IK1.7

Focus	Quantifying syllables.
Learning target	"I can clap my name."
Vocabulary in use	clap, beat, part
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Circle: clap and count. Model: teacher counts claps on fingers. Practice: children count their claps. Play: cube towers for each name.

Check for understanding

Child counts the claps in their name.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 43 — Long Names, Short Names

Week 9, Day 3 · Unit 3 · Standards: PK.RL.CS.4, PK.RL.CS.5, PK.RL.CS.6, PK.RL.IK1.7

Focus	Comparing syllable counts.
Learning target	"I can clap my name."
Vocabulary in use	clap, beat, part
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Circle: sort names by beats. Model: teacher sorts three names. Practice: children sort names. Play: name graph.

Check for understanding

Child compares two names by beat count.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 44 — Our Name Graph

Week 9, Day 4 · Unit 3 · Standards: PK.RL.CS.4, PK.RL.CS.5, PK.RL.CS.6, PK.RL.IK1.7

Focus	Representing syllable data.
Learning target	"I can clap my name."
Vocabulary in use	clap, beat, part
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Circle: build a class name graph. Model: teacher places a name. Practice: children place their names. Play: graph displayed.

Check for understanding

Child places their name in the correct column.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 45 — Clapping Friends' Names

Week 9, Day 5 · Unit 3 · Standards: PK.RL.CS.4, PK.RL.CS.5, PK.RL.CS.6, PK.RL.IK1.7

Focus	Applying to unfamiliar words.
Learning target	"I can clap my name."
Vocabulary in use	clap, beat, part
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Circle: clap classmates' names. Model: teacher claps a long name. Practice: children clap each other's names. Play: partner clapping.

Check for understanding

Child claps a peer's name accurately.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

Fictional Example — Customize and Verify Before School Submission.

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