

Foundational Skills Kits

Building the Foundation for Lifelong Literacy Success

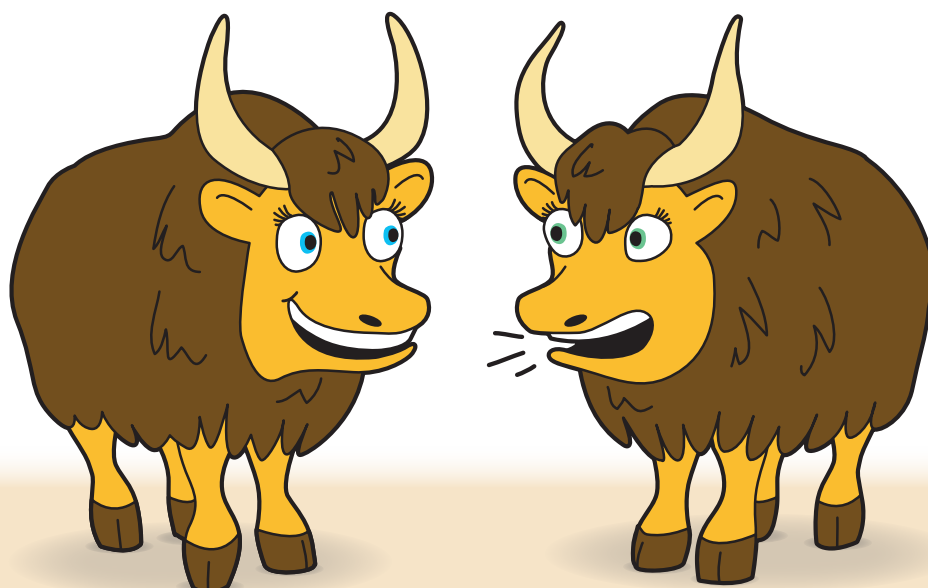
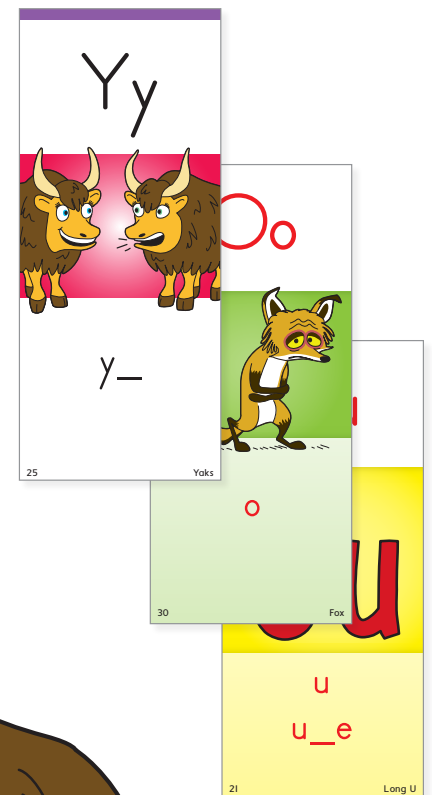
The Most Trusted Research-Proven Foundational Skills Program

For 50 years children have learned to read using the Open Court Philosophy. Today's *SRA Open Court Reading* Foundational Skills Kits, the latest in a long line of programs tested in schools like yours, proven with students at all ability levels, and trusted by educators looking for results. The Foundational Skills Kits for Grades K-3:

- Complement any core reading and language arts program for additional foundational skill instruction and practice.
- Supplement any guided reading or leveled reader program, linking reading with essential foundational skills.
- Work as a stand-alone program for any student needing foundational skill instruction.

Sound/Spelling Cards

Students learn to associate sounds to spellings through a careful series of lessons in the Teacher Guides. The lessons incorporate the use of 44 sound/spelling cards - a method that is unique to *SRA Open Court Reading*.



Explicit Instruction of Basic Skills

SRA Open Court Reading Foundational Skills Kits for grades K-3 provides classroom-proven, systematic, and explicit instruction to help students learn the basics of reading and writing.

These easy-to-use kits are carefully crafted to enable your students to decode and encode written language—skills that become their basis for not only reading and writing fluency but reading comprehension as well.

Instruction Overview by Grade Level

- K** Students develop phonemic awareness and learn about concepts of print, as well as sounds, letters, and the alphabetic principle.
- 1** Students learn sound-spelling correspondences, practice blending and segmenting, and develop initial spelling strategies.
- 2** Students expand on fluency and continue to learn the mechanics of decoding and encoding.
- 3** Students analyze word structure to unlock meanings of words to read with both fluency and comprehension.

Common Core Focus

CCSS includes standards for Foundational Reading Skills to be taught in Kindergarten through Grade 3, which are designed to support “students’ understanding and working knowledge of phonological and phonemic awareness, concepts of print, the alphabetic principle, and other basic conventions of the English writing system” (National Governors’ Association, 2010).

These foundational skills are the focus of the *SRA Open Court Reading’s* Foundational Skills Kits, which teaches students through systematic instruction and scaffolding so that children become independent readers and writers.

