

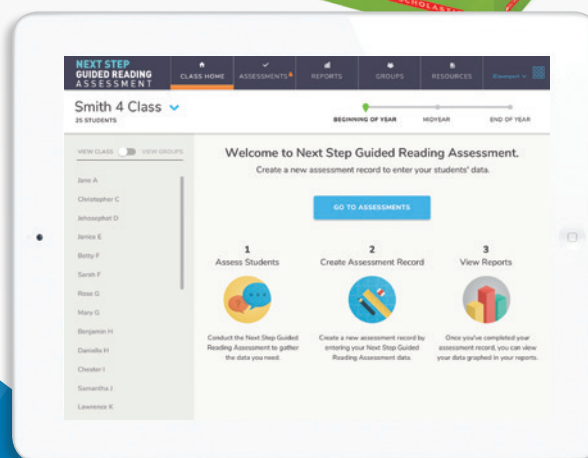
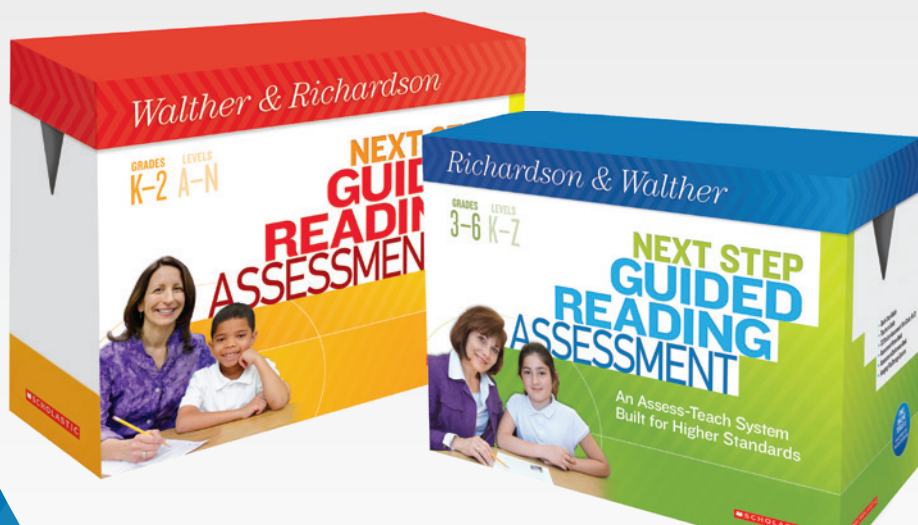
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GRADES K-6

UPDATED  
DIGITAL DATA  
MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM!

# NEXT STEP GUIDED READING ASSESSMENT

Plan powerful, data-driven instruction  
to pinpoint students' literacy goals



# GET A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF EACH STUDENT

Guided reading is one of the most powerful instructional methods any teacher can use to help students become independent readers. Jan Richardson and Maria Walther know how overwhelming it can be to assess a classroom of students within the first 25 days of school, which is why they streamlined the process.

## **The Next Step Guided Reading Assessment solution:**

- Assesses students' reading skills comprehensively, inviting students to read closely and give text-based answers
- Provides literary and informational texts that meet higher standards
- Guides teachers to make data-driven instructional decisions that harness the power of guided reading to move students toward increasingly complex texts



# ASSESS IN FOUR EASY STEPS

Now teachers have a time-saving assessment tool designed to pinpoint their teaching focus, select texts, and plan and teach powerful guided reading lessons in four easy steps.

1

## Reading Interest Survey

(whole class)

Reveals students' reading interests so teachers can match readers to just-right texts.



2

## Word-Knowledge Inventory

(whole class)

Helps teachers select word-study activities that teach phonics and phonemic awareness skills that students need.



3

## Comprehension Assessment

(whole class)

Evaluates students' higher-level thinking skills and helps teachers focus comprehension strategy instruction.



4

## Reading Assessment Conference

(one-on-one)

Determines students' instructional reading levels for guided reading placement and focused lessons.



# ORGANIZE STUDENT DATA QUICKLY TO HELP MAKE TEACHING DECISIONS

## The data management system offers:

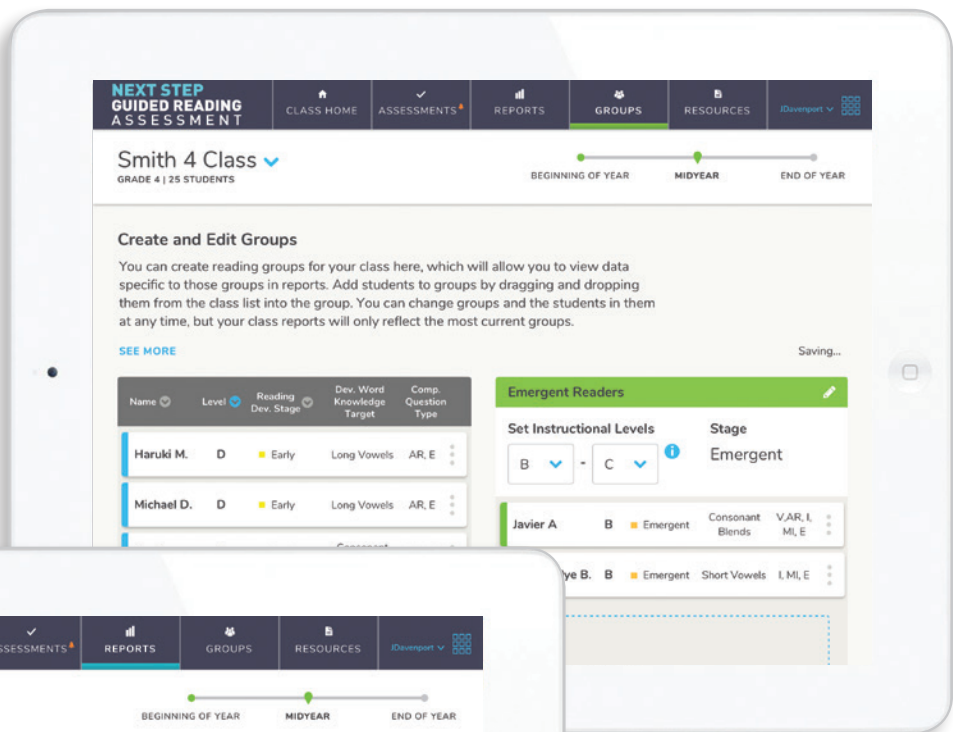
- Real-time reporting for teachers and administrators to easily monitor progress
- A NEW grouping tool with “drag and drop” to organize students as teachers see fit
- Access to all K–6 assessments to address the needs of all students within a class
- Detailed reports at the student and classroom levels target goals for whole-class and small-group instruction
- Automated calculation for comprehension, accuracy, and self-correction rates
- Detailed school-level reports for administrators
- Year-over-year student data transfer
- Video tutorials to support teachers’ professional learning
- Clever technology integration for faster district rostering



Track growth within entire classes throughout the year.

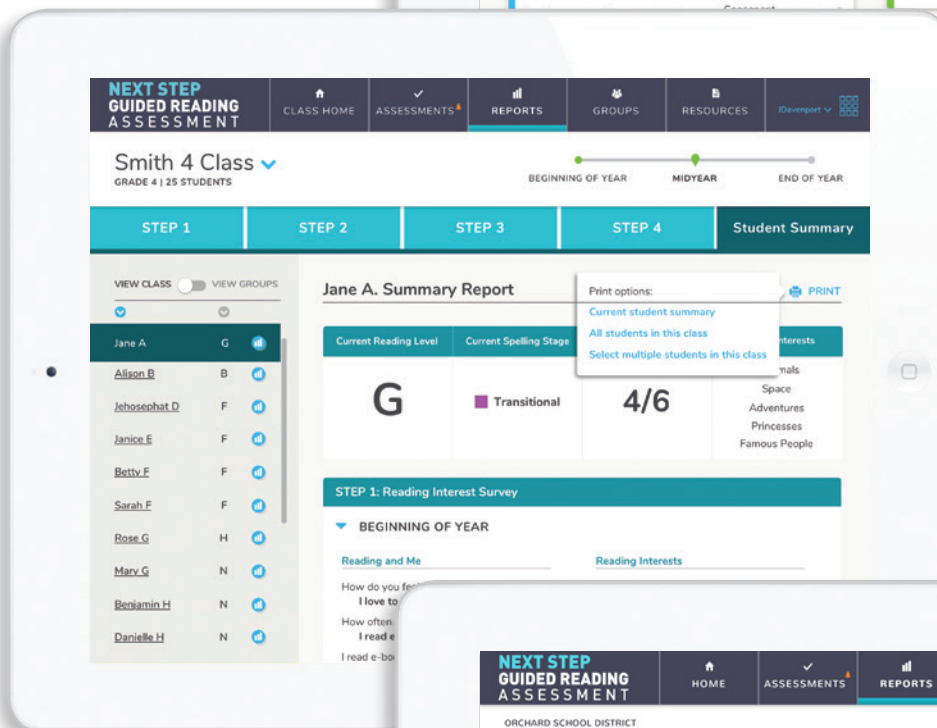


Create custom groups by reading level/stages or instructional need.

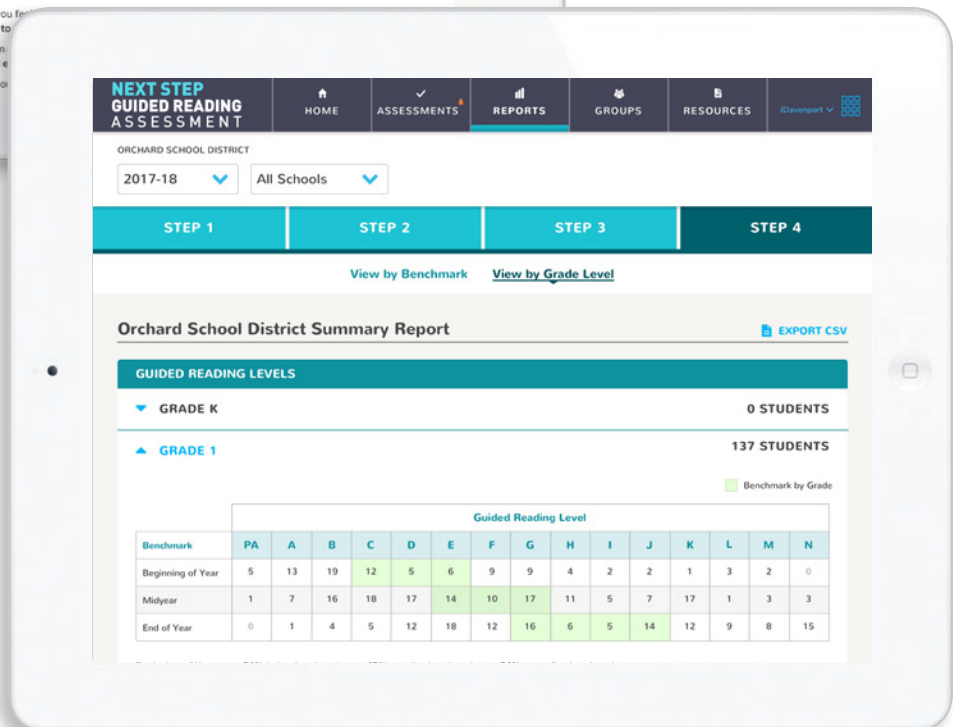


Monitor student progress throughout the year.

Print comprehensive reports for parent-teacher conferences.



Administrators can track each school and review grade-level benchmark reports.

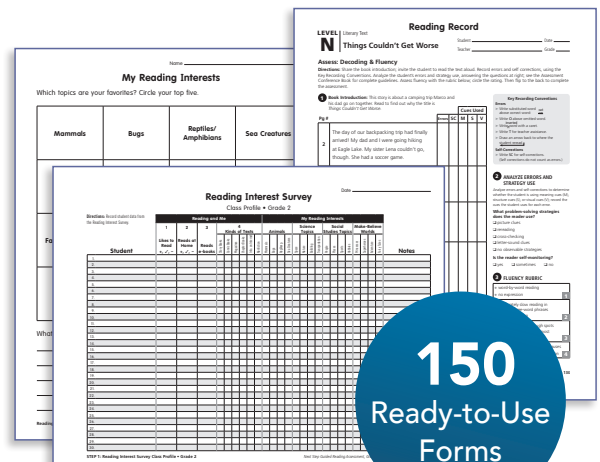
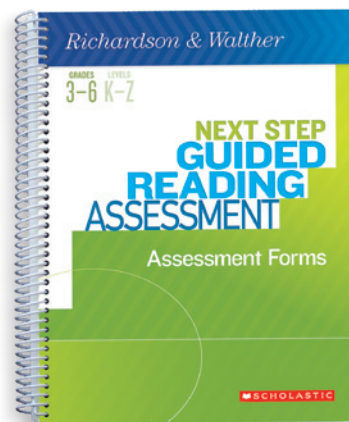


# PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH DATA-DRIVEN INSTRUCTION

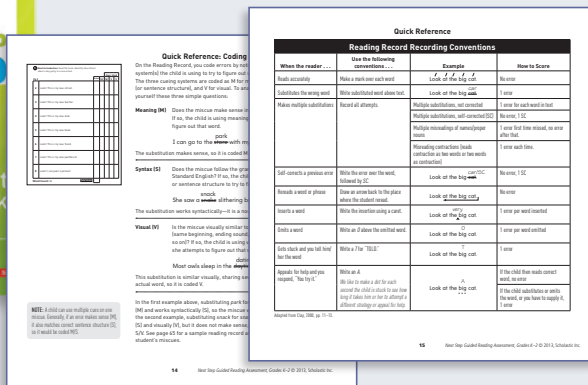
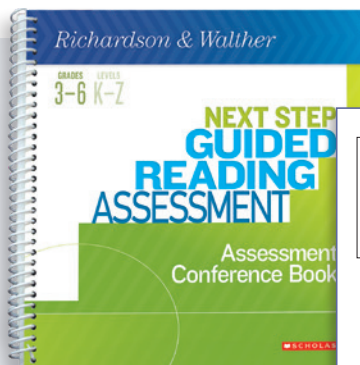
## Inside Each Kit

### Reproducible Assessment Forms Book

Includes everything you'll need to administer the four assessments.



**150**  
Ready-to-Use  
Forms



### Assessment Conference Book

A resource book with Quick Reference Guides makes it easy to administer and score Reading Records.



**Sturdy Storage Box**  
+  
hanging folders  
for each level

### Organization Box

A sturdy storage box with hanging folders keeps assessment materials organized and easily accessible.

# Inside Each Kit

## Original Assessment Texts

Each kit provides engaging literary and informational assessment texts created with the standards in mind. The Grades K–2 kit includes a 38-book library with extra texts at levels A–E for monitoring progress. The Grades 3–6 kit includes 32 short high-interest text cards.

### GRADES K–2

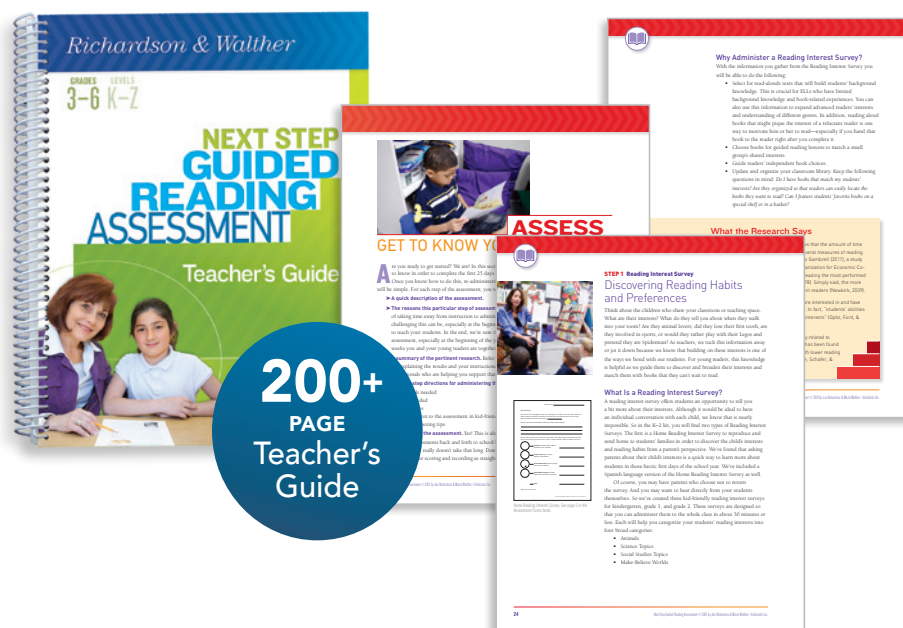


### GRADES 3–6



## Teacher's Guide

The comprehensive teacher's guide shows how to use each assessment to plan whole- and small-group instruction and includes step-by-step directions for administering, scoring, and analyzing each assessment.



# ADDRESS ESSENTIAL LITERACY SKILLS

From the key text features in the assessment texts to the evidence-based comprehension questions, Next Step Guided Reading Assessment provides teachers with a way to assess students and teach them the skills to meet higher standards.

## Foundational

Next Step Assessment and Teaching Tools	<b>Print Concepts</b> Understand concepts of print	<b>Phonological Awareness</b> Demonstrate phonological awareness	<b>Phonics and Word Recognition</b> Apply phonics and word analysis skills to encode and decode words	<b>Fluency</b> Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension
 <b>Developmental Word-Knowledge Inventory</b>			✓	
 <b>Pre-A Reading Assessment</b>	✓	✓		
 <b>Reading Assessment Conference</b> Reading Records			✓	✓
 <b>Guided Reading Lesson Plans</b> (Pre-A, Emergent, Early, Transitional, and Fluent)	✓	✓	✓	✓





## Literary and Informational Texts

### Next Step Assessment and Teaching Tools

### Key Ideas and Details

Identify main ideas and key details; make inferences; analyze relationships

### Craft and Structure

Identify text structures and craft elements; determine word meanings

### Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Analyze relationships within and among texts

### Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

Understand oneself as a reader; set goals for increasing challenges



### Reading Interest Survey



### Comprehension Assessment



### Reading Assessment Conference

Reading Records



### Guided Reading Lesson Plans (Emergent, Early, Transitional, and Fluent)



# ABOUT THE AUTHORS

With more than 65 years of combined experience, Jan Richardson and Maria Walther have drawn on their deep understanding of the needs of schools, teachers, and students to create Next Step Guided Reading Assessment—an Assess-Decide-Guide teaching system that helps every reader reach the next level.



**Jan Richardson, Ph.D.,** is the best-selling author of *The Next Step Forward in Guided Reading*, an educational consultant, and a leading expert in guided reading. Jan's work is informed by her experience as a reading specialist, Reading Recovery teacher leader, lead staff developer, and teacher of every grade from kindergarten through high school.

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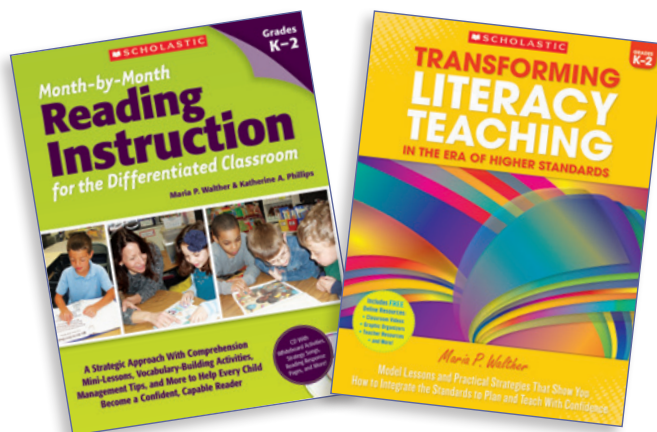
## More resources from Jan Richardson and Maria Walther

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And  
more!

BY MARIA WALTHER



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