

Your child will begin the school year by taking an assigned set of skill-area assessments based on his or her grade level. Skill areas will be added and dropped based on your child's overall ability level.

### **Phonemic Awareness**

The Phonemic Awareness assessment measures your child's ability to recognize the beginning sound of a word presented orally and his or her ability to blend phonemes (the smallest spoken parts of spoken language) into a word.

### **Letter Knowledge**

The Letter Knowledge assessment measures your child's ability to identify the symbol for a letter's name and its sound.

### **Alphabetic Decoding**

The Alphabetic Decoding assessment measures your child's ability in applying Letter Knowledge skills to identify non-words that are pronounced by the narrator.

### **Spelling or Word Analysis**

The Spelling assessment measures your child's ability in applying Letter Knowledge and Alphabetic Decoding skills to correctly spell words.

### **Vocabulary**

The Vocabulary assessment measures your child's knowledge of word meanings by having him or her identify pictures, synonyms, and definitions.

### **Listening Comprehension**

The Listening Comprehension assessment measures your child's ability to listen to, understand, and answer comprehension questions about short spoken stories.

### **Reading Comprehension**

The Reading Comprehension assessment measures your child's ability to read and understand sentences and paragraphs by having him or her match pictures to sentences, complete sentences, and answer comprehension questions.

### **Text Fluency**

The Text Fluency assessment measures your child's ability to read text with meaning in a specified period of time. The assessment has your child read a passage and fill in missing words for a period of two and a half minutes.