

# Fountas & Pinnell (a.k.a. F&P)

## What is it?

- a system used to guide literacy instruction
- attributes an alphabetic letter to the difficulty of a text
- highly recognized tool for selecting books for small group instruction
- aids in gauging whether students are able to read text of complexity appropriate for the grade level

## How is it used?

- all incoming kindergarten students are assessed one-on-one by the classroom teacher to determine the F&P level (most are AA-prereader or A)
- students must read a text with 98% accuracy and answer questions aimed at determining abilities to think about and beyond the text
- classroom teachers use texts at or just above student's current level during small group instruction (guided reading) in order to help each child successfully climb the ladder of text difficulty
- Each grade level has goals
- the goal for the end of kindergarten is D

