



ReadingHorizons

The Foundation for Reading English

Results

Scientificallly-based Research Underpinning the Rationales
of the *Discover Intensive Phonics* and *Reading Horizons*
Reading Systems

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Scope of Work:

Reading scores are assessed by the state of Idaho three times yearly for grades K-3. North Gem Elementary implemented Discover Intensive Phonics in 1997.

Tool:

Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) Test

Time Frame:

Two-year study conducted between 2001-2003 (data collected quarterly throughout a given school year by the State of Idaho Department of Education).

Perrine Elementary**Twin Falls, Idaho**

Perrine Elementary in Twin Falls, Idaho was one of the first Idaho schools to adopt the Discover Intensive Phonics for Yourself reading system. Now in their ninth year using the approach, Joan Parrish is one of the many teachers to see the kind of excellent growth shown below. Dozens of schools throughout Idaho now use the Discover Intensive Phonics reading system.

Student	Pre-Test	Post-Test	Improvement
1	1.9	3.1	1.2
2	1.3	1.8	0.5
3	1.3	2.3	1.0
4	1.3	2.1	0.8
5	0.1	1.2	1.1
6	1.8	2.5	0.7
7	0.1	1.1	1.0
8	1.8	2.3	0.5
9	1.0	1.9	0.9
10	2.0	2.9	0.9
11	0.0	1.3	1.3
12	2.5	3.3	0.8
13	1.9	2.9	1.0
14	0.1	1.6	1.5
15	1.4	2.6	1.2
16	1.5	2.1	0.6
17	1.8	1.9	0.1
18	2.4	3.9	1.5
19	2.2	3.0	0.8
20	0.1	1.8	1.7
21	1.9	3.1	1.2
Average	1.4	2.4	1.0

Evaluator's Observations: After four months of implementing the Discover Intensive Phonics for Yourself program, the evaluator saw significant improvement in the reading skills of her students. It was also reported that the students were receiving high scores on their reading tests. There were also significant increases in students' printing skills.