Get Started with ELSB

Early Literacy Skills Builder (ELSB) includes all the materials you need to begin teaching the curriculum. But where do you start? Following these steps will help you get up and running for your first lesson in no time.

1. Watch the Getting Started video provided on the DVD.
2. Preview the Implementation Guide for great tips on using ELSB:
   - Pages 10–11 provide a description of the materials.
   - Pages 20–21 help you plan your literacy program.
   - Pages 22–31 describe how to teach the sounds and symbols lessons, how to adapt materials for some students, and how to assess progress.
   - Pages 32–35 describe how to give students access to grade-appropriate classroom literature using story-based lessons.
3. Begin your students at Level 1, Lesson 1. (Or, if the student does not have picture recognition, begin with the optional Level A.) Get to know Level 1 (or Level A) by reading and practicing the Lesson 1 script in the Teacher's Guide.
4. Locate the materials you need to teach Lesson 1 and, if needed, prepare assistive technology for individual students—all listed/described at the start of each lesson in the Teachers’ Guides (e.g., see page 11 for Level 1, Lesson 1).
5. Refer to the DVD for examples of:
   - ELSB lessons being taught in their entirety
   - Evidence-based procedures being used
   - Adapting grade-appropriate literature for a story-based lesson
   - A story-based lesson in action.

Enjoy watching your students become readers!

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