



Meets ESSA "DEMONSTRATES A RATIONALE" Evidence Criteria

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) promotes evidence-based education programs by ensuring that programs are proven to be effective in increasing student achievement. ESSA includes four levels of evidence: strong, moderate, promising, and evidence that demonstrates a rationale. The ratings of the ESSA level of evidence reflect the quality, rigor, and statistical significance of the research study design and findings of the study.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

JillE Literacy® is a collection of whole-class and small-group texts for Grades K–3, developed to promote student engagement while providing built-in, evidence-based instruction that helps teachers target the most critical skills and strategies students need to become successful independent readers and writers.



EVIDENCE CRITERIA

Provides a well-specified logic model informed by research or evaluation

Relevant research or an evaluation that suggests that the intervention is likely to improve student outcomes or other relevant outcomes; an effort to study the effects is underway at the higher evidence levels

STUDY EVIDENCE & HIGHLIGHTS

Informed by current research on learning to read, *JillE Literacy* focuses on the most essential literacy skills and teaches them in the context of authentic reading, giving students opportunities to apply these skills through a gradual release of responsibility and building intrinsic motivation through incremental progress and success.

Literacy learning is complex. It requires learners to develop and apply oral language and vocabulary, phonological knowledge, and comprehension skills and strategies. Motivation and engagement also play a pivotal role. *JillE Literacy*:

- Draws on oral language to support literacy skills and builds oral language in the context of reading and writing.
- Utilizes an explicit and contextualized approach to building phonological knowledge and decoding strategies.
- Supports comprehension with instructional practices that have demonstrated effectiveness across numerous studies.
- Builds motivation and engagement by helping students experience reading success without struggle or frustration.
- Helps teachers differentiate instruction based on student needs, which supports diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Through systematic instruction in essential literacy skills and structured opportunities for practice and application, *JillE Literacy* effectively builds a bridge to reading and writing independence.



To learn more about the research behind *JillE Literacy*, visit hmhco.com/JillE