PALS-PreK Assessment: Administer, Score, and Score Entry



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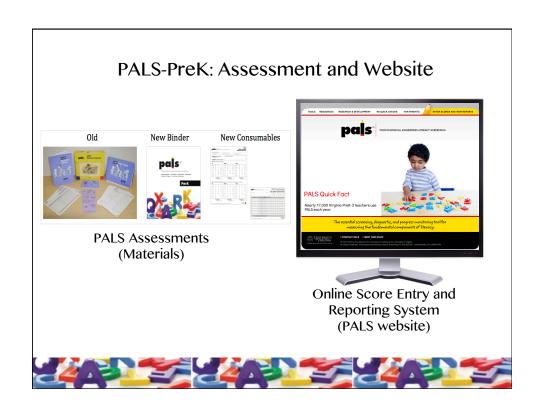
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Presentation Goals

- ♦ How to administer
- ♦ How to score
- ♦ How to enter scores into the website

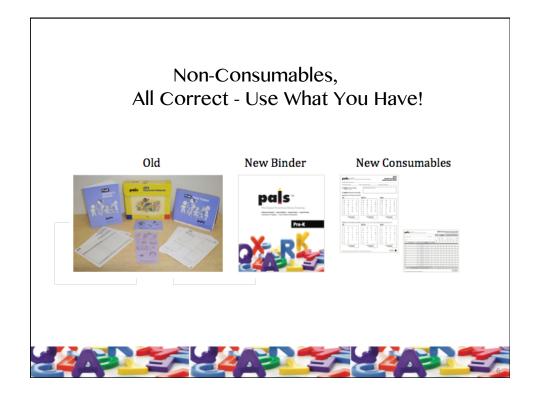


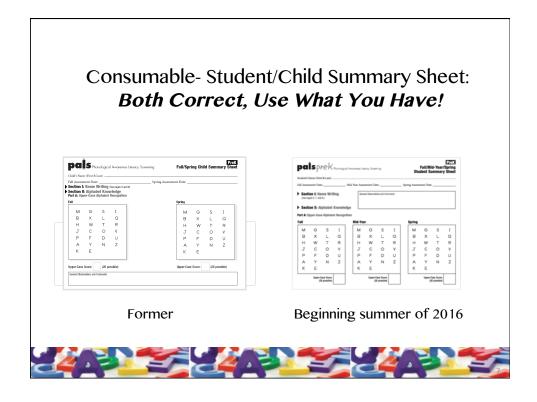


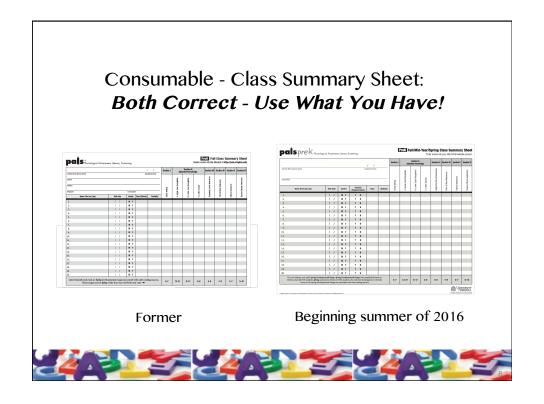
PALS-PreK: Materials

- ♦ Non-consumables: Teacher's Manual, Child Packet, Hey Diddle Diddle booklet, and Beginning Sound Awareness Cards
- ♦ Consumables: Student Summary Sheet and Class Summary Sheet









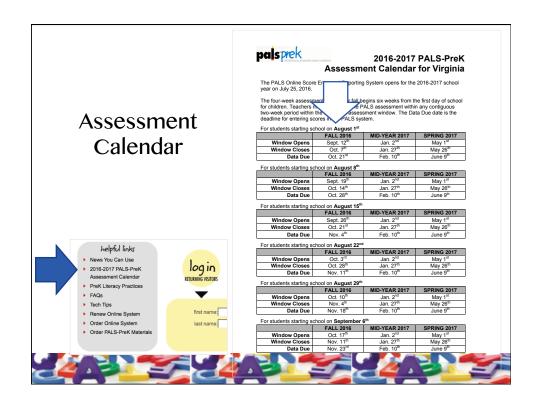
When is the PALS-PreK Assessment Window?



Assessment Window

- ♦ Fall assessment window begins six weeks from the first day children begin the school year
- Complete PALS-PreK administration within any contiguous two-week period during the four-week window
- ♦ 1st day of school + 6 weeks = 1st possible day of your PALS-PreK Fall window
- ♦ If you are uncertain which ten days you are to administer the assessment, please check with your PreK program director





To Whom Should PALS-PreK Be Administered?

- Mandatory for children partially of fully funded by the Virginia Preschool Initiative and the Virginia Preschool Initiative Plus
- ♦ For other preschool children as directed by the VDOE, a division administrator, or a school administrator



Entering Scores



Choose An Option To Enter Scores

Traditional Score Entry: Record scores on Child Summary Sheets. Then, after administration, enter scores into the PALS website



Online Assessment Wizard: Enter scores directly into the PALS website *during or after* administration.



Score Entry Option: Traditional Score Entry

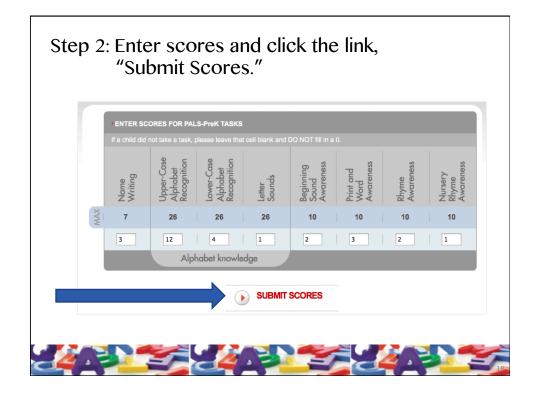


Traditional Score Entry

- ♦ Enter *total* scores (not item-level scores)
- Flexible scheduling using paper score summaries,
 enter scores at your convenience







Score Entry Option: The Online Assessment Wizard (OAW)





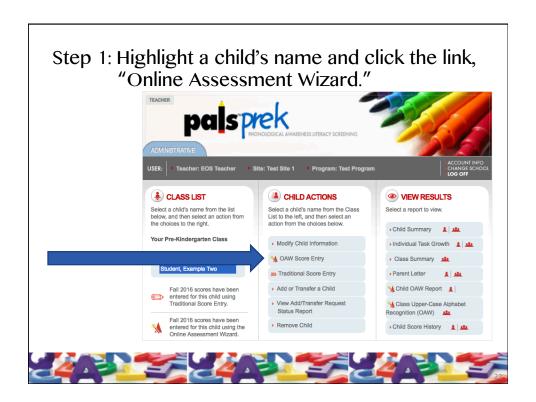
OAW

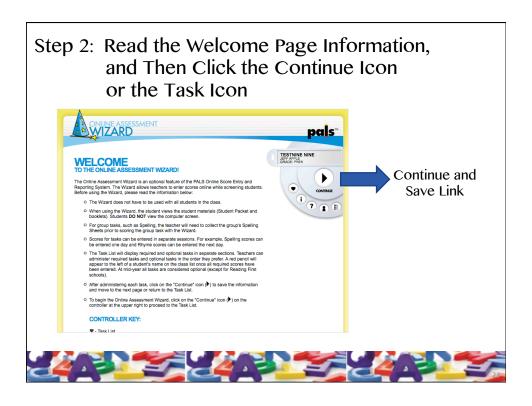
- ♦ Simultaneously assess and enter scores
- ♦ Administration procedures do <u>not</u> change !
- **♦** Efficient
- ♦ Enter *item-level* scores
- ♦ Item-level reports generated

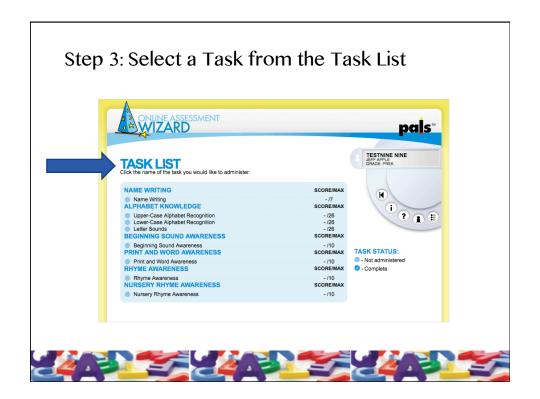


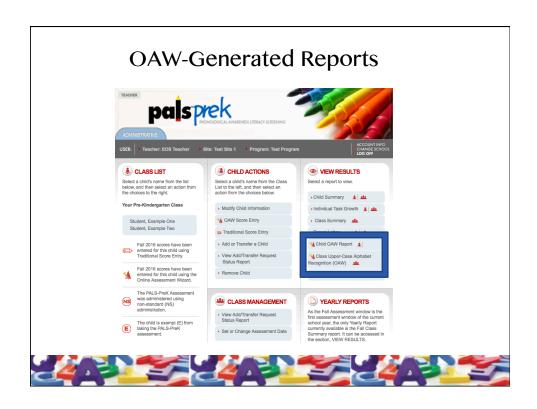
Using The Online Assessment Wizard to Enter Scores











PALS-PreK: Task Administration & Scoring



PALS-PreK Administration

- ♦ Developmentally appropriate assessment
- ♦ One-on-one administration, approximately 25 minutes per child (untimed-varies child to child)
- ♦ Flexible administration (For example, one can administer one task to all children on each day for six days.)
- ♦ Recommended assessing all three windows: Fall, Mid-Year, and Spring
- ♦ Enter scores online via traditional score entry **or** The Online Assessment Wizard



PALS-PreK: Tasks

Each task represents a literacy fundamental that is predictive of future reading success.

Task	Includes
Name Writing	
Alphabet Knowledge	Upper-Case Alphabet Recognition Lower-Case Alphabet Recognition Letter Sounds
Beginning Sound Awareness	
Print and Word Awareness	
Rhyme Awareness	
Nursery Rhyme Awareness	





Each PALS-PreK task reflects a literacy component that should be part of daily activities and instruction.



Task: Name Writing

"I would like for you to draw a picture of yourself, and then write your name. When you are finished, I'd like for you to show me your name."

Say

- ♦ If the child is reluctant to attempt name writing, encourage the child to "pretend" to write his or her name or collect a writing sample at a more informal time.
- ♦ Not an all-or-nothing skill it develops gradually and reveals what students know about early components of literacy.



Name Writing: Scoring

(Administration & Scoring Guide, Page 14; Binder, page 2.8)

- Scoring samples demonstrate the continuum of name writing development
- Only the written name is scored; it is not necessary for the child to draw a picture
- ♦ Not scored based on neatness
- Question child for clarification on letters if necessary

0 points	Name is a scribble and the picture represents both child's picture and written name.	Janelle
1 point	Name is a scribble intertwined with picture. The child identifies the picture or part of the picture as his/her written name.	Deja
2 points	Name is an unrecognizable scribble but name is sep- arate from picture.	Taylor
3 points	Name consists of random letters and symbols. Name is separate from picture.	Chia
4 points	Name consists of some correct letters and possibly some filler letters or symbols. The name is separate from picture.	M Q i/O Adam
5 points	Name consists of many correct letters with no filler letters or symbols. The name is separate from picture.	oven Michayla
6 points	Name is generally correct and is separate from pic- ture. Some letters may be written backwards or name may be completely written in a mirror image.	io A RI
7 points	Name is correct with no backwards letters or mirror image writing. The name is separate from picture.	Oerra Cierra

Name Writing Samples



The name is a scribble and the picture represents both the picture and name.



The name scribble is intertwined with the picture. The child identifies the picture or part of the picture as his/her name.



The name is an unrecognizable scribble but the name is separate from the picture.



Name Writing Samples



The name consists of random letters and symbols. The name is separate from the picture.



The name consists of some correct letters and possibly some filler letters or symbols. The name is separate from the picture.



The name consists of many correct letters with no filler letters or symbols. The name is separate from the picture.



Name Writing Samples

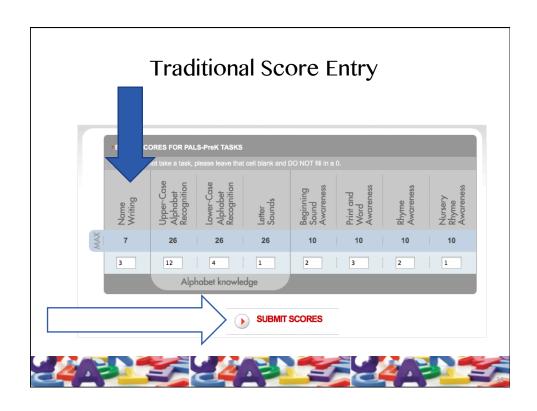


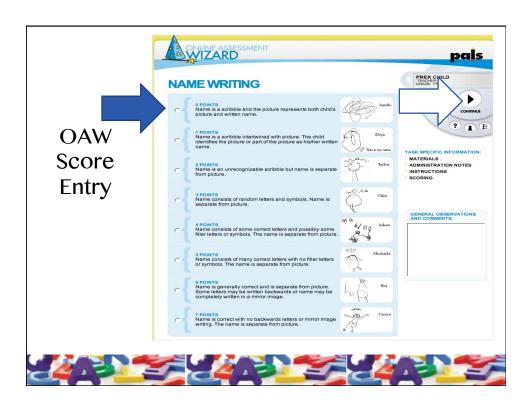
Name is generally correct and is separate from the picture. Some letters may be written backwards or the name may be completely written in a mirror image.



Name is correct with no backwards letters or mirror image writing. The name is separate from the picture.







Task: Alphabet Knowledge

- Divided into three parts to provide a developmentally appropriate progression
 - Upper-Case Alphabet Recognition
 - > Lower-Case Alphabet Recognition
 - Letter Sounds
- Designed with thresholds to prevent frustration
- ♦ Task sequence begins with Upper-Case because the letters are more distinctive



Alphabet Knowledge: Administering

- Child is shown a page of letters/sounds and is asked to name them/make the sound.
- See Teacher's Manual, pages 14-17, Binder pages 2.9-2.11.
- Use a piece of paper or a card with a cut-out square to show only one line at a time.
- Direct the child to touch the letters in the presented sequence.

I would like for you to point to each letter. As you point to the letter, tell me the name of that letter.

Say,

Alphabet Knowledge: Scoring

- Mark through each letter or sound the child identified incorrectly or did not identify
- Write what the child says next to each letter/sound
- Self-corrections are counted as correct answers

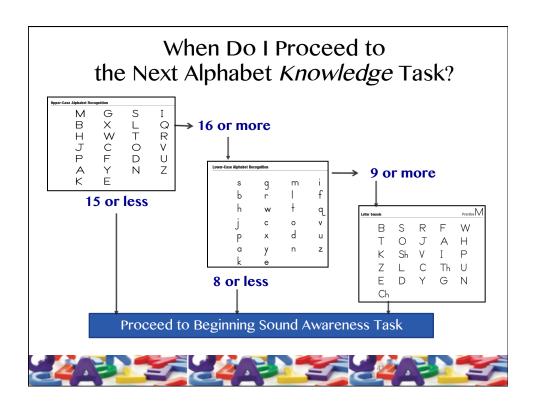


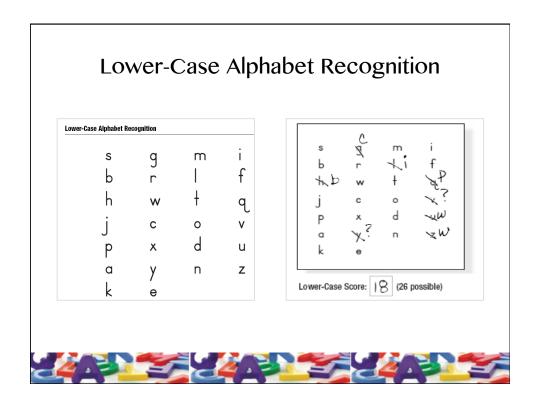
Upper-Case Alphabet Recognition

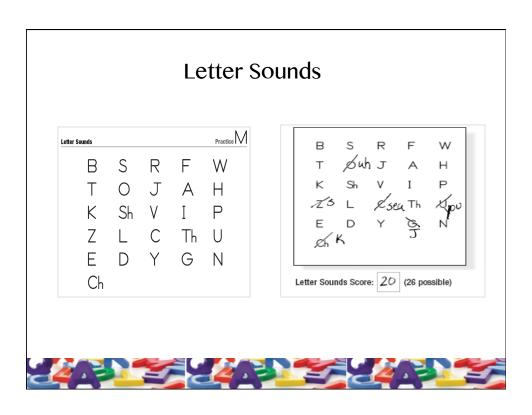


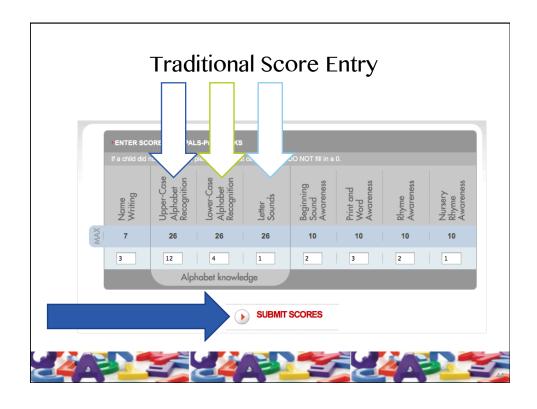


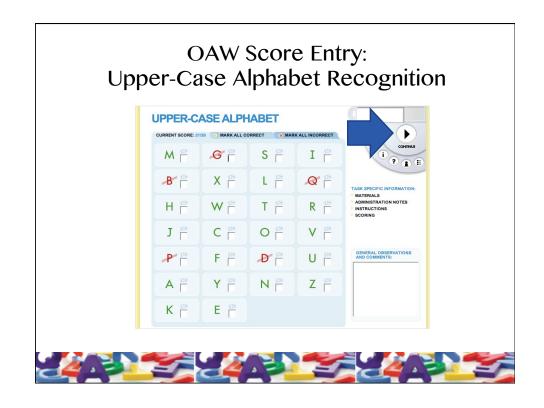


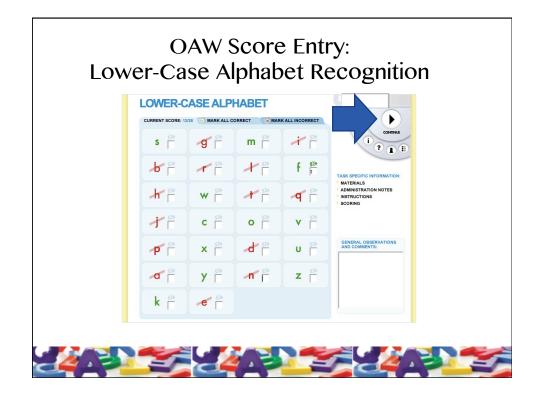














Task: Beginning Sound Awareness

- ♦ Targets phonological awareness by requiring initial phoneme segmentation orally
- ♦ Do not administer Beginning Sound Awareness and Rhyme Awareness tasks consecutively.
- Cut out beginning sound awareness picture cards prior to administration
- ♦ Task is a model for best practice and should be used as a teaching exercise *After each item, tell the child the correct answer!
- → Teacher's Manual, page 18; Binder, pages 2.12-2.16



Beginning Sound Awareness Administration



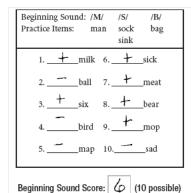
* Administration script Teacher's Manual p.18; Binder page 2.12

General sequence:

- 1. Show the picture
- Say what it is
- 3. Ask for the beginning sound
- 4. **Score** the item
- 5. You say the correct answer
- 6. You sort the card

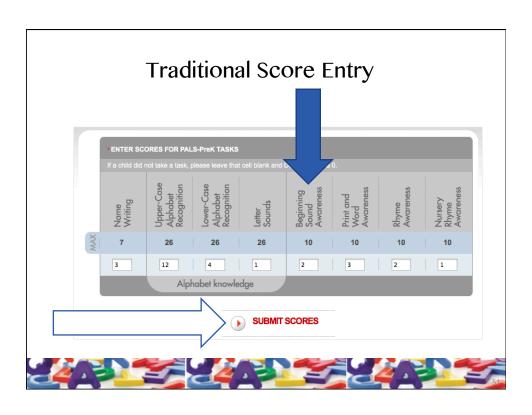


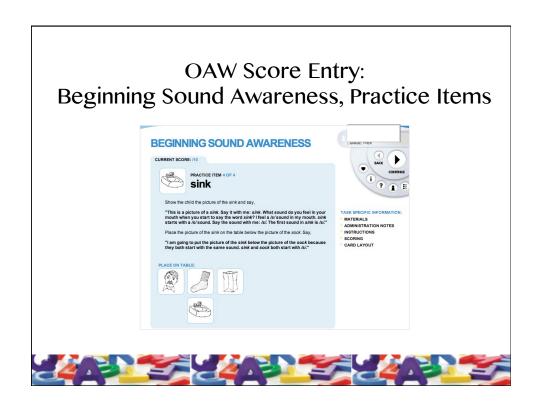
Beginning Sound Awareness: Scoring



- Score based on child's first oral response
- Record a + or to indicate correct and incorrect answers
- ♦ Record child's response
- Letter sound OR letter name are both acceptable
- If letter name is given, model the letter sound







Beginning Sound Awareness' Assessment Items



Task: Print and Word Awareness

- ♦ Task includes ten items that measure a child's understanding of print and words
- ♦ Read through the items and practice with the script before administration with a child
- Provides a model for best practice reading to and modeling print concepts daily



Task: Print and Word Awareness

- ♦ Ten items that measure a child's understanding of print and words
- Read through the items and practice the script before administration with a child
- → Task provides a model for best practice –reading and modeling print concepts daily
- ♦ Natural book reading format
- ♦ Use the script to ask questions while reading
- ♦ See Teacher's Manual, pages 23-25, Binder pages 2.17-2.20

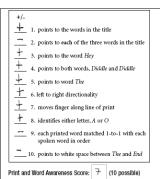


Old booklet or new? Same content; different color covers—use either!

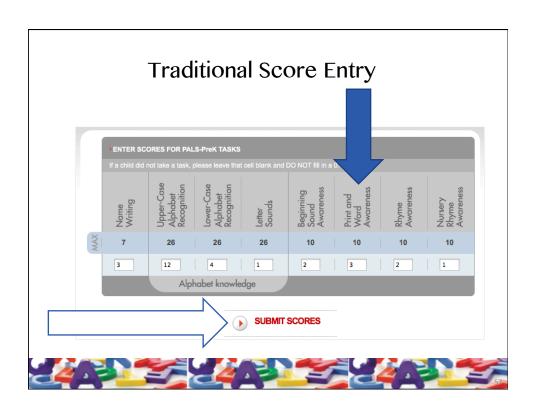


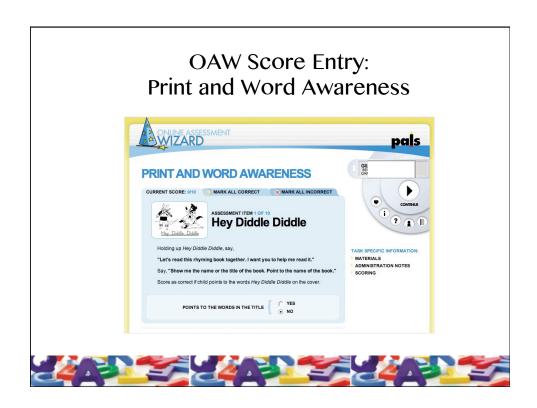
Print and Word Awareness: If Creating a Paper Record

- ♦ Each item has different scoring guidelines
- ♦ Record a + or for each item on Child/Student Summary Sheet

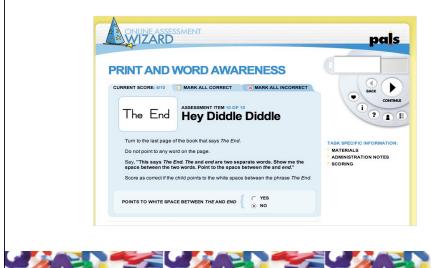








OAW Score Entry: Print and Word Awareness



Task: Rhyme Awareness

- ♦ Important aspect of phonological awareness-- children enjoy rhyme!
- ♦ See Teacher's Manual pages 26-29; Binder pages 2.21-2.25
- ♦ Practice items can be used as a teaching exercise guide child to correct answer on these items.
- Child is asked to identify a picture name that rhymes with a target word.
- ♦ Do not administer Rhyme and Beginning Sound tasks consecutively.



Rhyme Awareness Administration



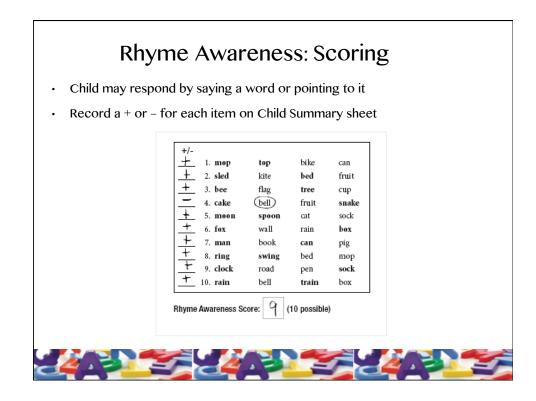


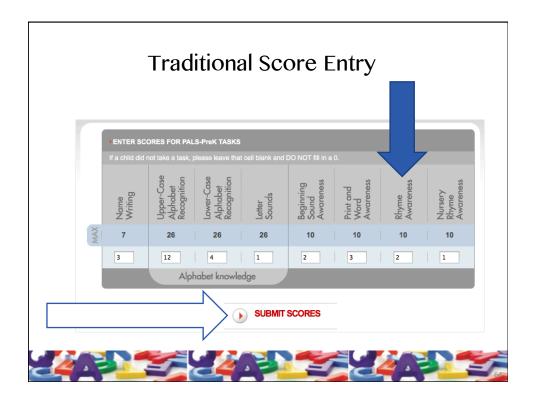


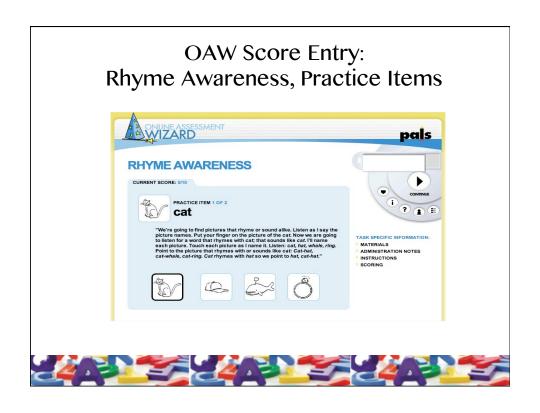


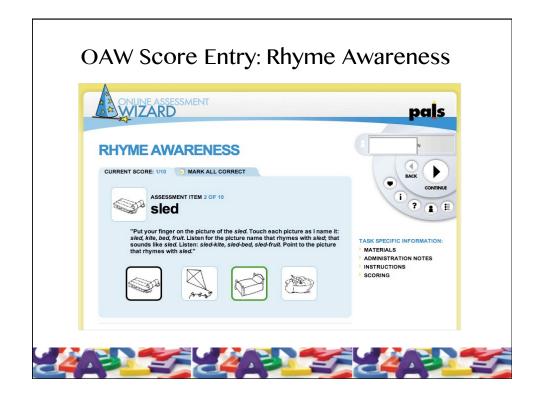
- ♦ Follow the script to administer practice & test items
- Child touches each picture as teacher says its name, pairing words with the target picture
- ♦ Ask child to identify the one that rhymes with target picture
- ♦ If needed, guide child through practice items









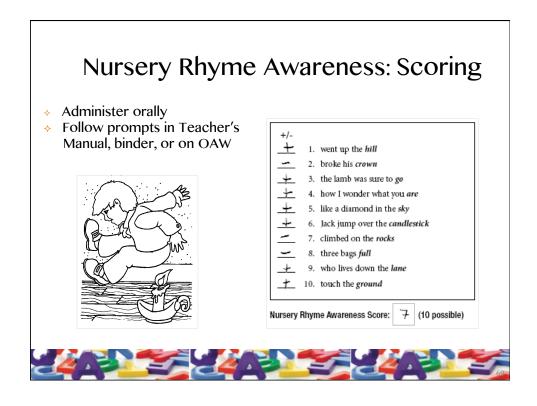


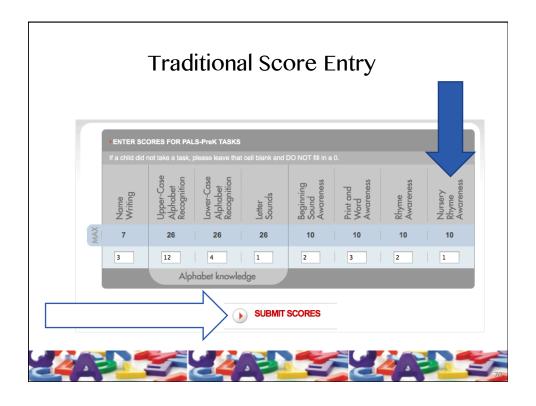
Task: Nursery Rhyme Awareness

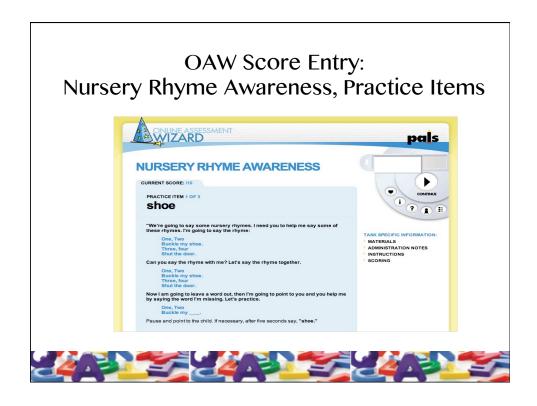
- ♦ Administered orally
- ♦ See Teacher's Manual, pp. 30-33; Binder 2.26-2.29
- Various nursery rhymes are read aloud and child is asked to fill in a missing word that rhymes with a previous line
- ♦ Practice items are the only items for which you and the child practice the rhyme together

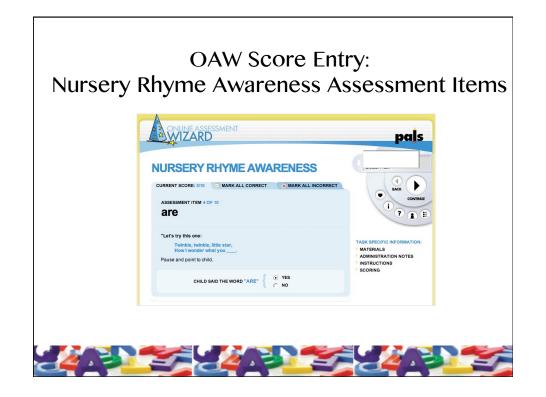


Nursery Rhyme Awareness: Scoring Practice Item 1 Nursery Rhyme Awareness Practice 31 "We're going to say some nursery rhymes. I need you to help me say some of these rhymes. I'm going to say the rhyme: Buckle my shoe Three, four Shut the door. Can you say the rhyme with me? Let's say the rhyme together. Buckle my shoe. Three, four Shut the door. Now I am going to leave a word out, then I'm going to point to you and you help me by saying the word I'm missing. Let's practice. One, Two Buckle my _____" Factorial seconds say, "shoe." "Pause and point to the child. If necessary, after five LANS YEARS YEARS







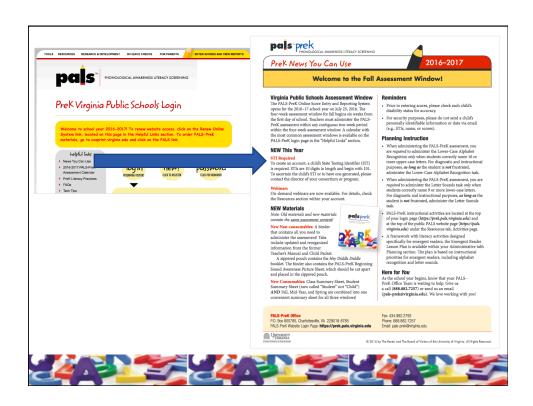


May I Use the Nursery Rhymes that are on the PreK Assessment for Instruction During the Year?

"Sure! And more! The whole reason that particular task is on the assessment is to give teachers an idea of what they could be doing with kids."

~ Dr. Marcia Invernizzi ~





Question? Suggestion? Wondering?

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