Teacher	Date

SRA Imagine It! Observation Tool Written by McGraw Hill & adapted

Check all that apply.

	Best Practices	Practices to Avoid	Comments/Notes
Sound Spelling Cards/Alphabet Sound Cards (kindergarten)	Displayed in a prominent place and updated all year. Ideally displayed low enough for students to point to, but high enough for all students to easily see. □Kindergarten − Cards have picture side facing the wall until Unit 3 Lesson 1; then picture sides are displayed as letters/sounds are introduced. □First Grade (Level 1) − Cards have picture side facing the wall until Unit 1 Lesson 1 (First lesson after the Getting Started Cards); when the first sound spelling is introduced. □Second Grade (Level 2) − Cards are posted with the pictures facing the class from the onset of the program. □Teacher/students use the cards as a resource when reading and writing.	□ Cards are not displayed. □ Cards are not updated when the letters/sound spellings are introduced. □ Teacher/students do not use the cards as a resource during instruction.	
Seating Arrangement	Students are seated on the carpet for activities that do not involve writing and/or students are seated so every student can readily see the sound/spelling cards. Students are seated at their desks for activities that incorporate writing.	Students are seated at their desks for the entire lesson.	

	Evidence of SRA Imagine It teacher and	Little or no evidence of using the	
	student materials being used (lesson	teacher and/or student materials	
	cards, sound spelling cards,	supplied by the district.	
	predecodable/decodable books, lion puppet	☐Instruction does not follow the	
	(grades K-1), CDs projected during	routine established on the lesson	
	instruction and/or used in learning stations	card.	
	on the computer).	Pacing is inappropriate and lessons	
	☐Instruction is focused on the lesson	or segments of the lesson run too	
	provided on the lesson card.	long and/or does not follow the pacing	
	Pacing is appropriate (40 minutes total	established in the district curriculum	
	for the phonics program daily) and is	guide.	
	aligned to the pacing set forth in the	Multiple responses are not	
Materials and	district curriculum guides.	incorporated into the lesson.	
Instruction	☐Supplemental materials support the	☐Students are not engaged in the	
	instruction in SRA Imagine It!	lesson either as listeners or speakers.	
	☐The teacher incorporates multiple	Transition time to and from the	
	response strategies during the instruction	carpet is lengthy, leading to loss of	
	that are not outlined on the lesson card	instruction.	
	(turn and talk, oral choral response, quick	☐Instruction is left for substitutes to	
	response, whip around, etc.).	deliver to students.	
	\square Students are engaged in the lesson		
	either as listeners or speakers.		
	Transition time to and from the carpet is		
	<u>qu</u> ick.		
	Teacher is the sole person responsible		
	for delivering the instruction.		
	Teacher plans, reads, and decides on	Teacher reads the lesson for the	
	lessons in advance, one lesson daily.	first time as s/he is giving it.	
	Teacher writes an objective focused on	Teacher does not post an objective	
	the skill being taught on the lesson card	or the objective does not match the	
	for the day.	skill being taught on the lesson card	
D. 44111	Teacher creates a DOL (Demonstration	for the day.	
PLANNING	of Learning) aligned to the skill being	Teacher does not have a DOL	
	taught on the lesson card for the day.	(Demonstration of Learning) that	
	Teacher discusses how the lessons are	aligns with the skill being taught on	
	going with other teachers and talks about	the lesson card for the day.	
	what students know how to do and do not	Teacher can only discuss what is	
	yet know how to do.	not going well or does not have a	
		sense of what the students know.	

	Teacher creates a spelling list for	Teacher does not create spelling list	
	students at the onset of every week to	for students at the onset of every	
	cover the sound spelling patterns being	week to cover the sound spelling	
ASSESSMENT	taught that week (Grades 1 & 2 only).	patterns being taught that week	
	Spelling assessments are given weekly	(Grades 1 & 2 only).	
	adhering to the guidelines established in	Spelling assessments are not	
	the district curriculum guides.	administered weekly.	