

***Florida Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Education Program
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Ready to Advance Early Learning Program
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OVERVIEW

Ready to Advance Early Learning Program (RTA/RTA Early Learning) is a comprehensive early learning and developmental program that includes teacher support for classroom and behavioral management; whole-group and small-group instruction; choice options for productive collaboration and play; and flexible guidelines for multifaceted progress monitoring. The program supports administrators, classroom teachers, staff, children and their families, by providing integrated, age-appropriate materials and activities that promote high-quality learning experiences for children who attend Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK). All content, skills, and materials are aligned with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards, that include eight domains of learning and development, and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.

Ready to Advance is specifically designed to provide options and support for culturally and linguistically responsive instruction, including guidelines for differentiation, so that teaching and learning may be adjusted to children’s needs and ensure children actively engage while listening, speaking, and thinking, as well as cooperating and collaborating with others. The program begins with guidance, lessons, and practice opportunities to develop social emotional and self-regulation skills. Teachers are encouraged to model, teach and practice simple routines and procedures for classroom and behavioral management that help children assume more responsibility for developing their interests, making choices, and learning.

Ready to Advance is designed using evidence from research and best practices using whole-group and small-group activities so that all children have ample opportunities to engage in collaborative conversations, ask questions for clarification, and receive guidance and feedback at the point of need. Teachers use the RTA curriculum to help children develop and acquire proficiency for skills included in state standards for 4-5-year old children, with instructional support for differentiating learning and practice for children ages 3-5 years.

Ready to Advance includes ten thematically based Teacher Resource Systems (TRS), also called teacher editions, that include choices for teachers to differentiate teaching and practice using content and skills organized in learning progressions, or developmentally appropriate sequences presented from less to more challenging, allowing children to participate in cumulative practice opportunities that deepen their understandings.

Each TRS includes three weeks of instructional support and an additional section of Extra Instruction that offers multiple choices for applying previously taught concepts and skills. Teachers choose activities based on data obtained from working with children in whole and small groups. The materials in Extra Instruction are used to reteach focus skills, provide additional practice, or extend learning.

Unlike other programs, *Ready to Advance* informational and literary books were written specifically for the program to ensure children are optimally exposed to concepts of print, differences in author and illustrator techniques, vocabulary words, and concepts. Children are exposed to high-frequency words, mathematical and science language, and foundational literacy concepts using print resources in RTA.

The instructional design and support help teachers provide experiences so that children develop deeper understandings and use vocabulary words in oral language to ask questions and express their ideas, thoughts, and feelings. Ten trade books are included in the RTA program. The trade books relate to the thematic topics or skills so that children enjoy many learning experiences to develop skills in language and literacy, early numeracy, and science using a variety of text types.

As one of its outstanding features, *Ready to Advance* includes a uniquely designed *Emergent Writing Program* that helps children develop foundational skills for alignment (top-to-bottom directionality), orientation (left-to-right directionality), and understanding of how shapes are used to create drawings and express ideas. The *Emergent Writing Program* begins with age-appropriate activities such as folding and tearing paper to develop fine motor coordination as children listen and follow directions. Children enjoy fingerpainting and sponge painting as they develop small muscle control and dexterity and explore space and materials. Using fine arts activities, children begin to understand that thoughts and feelings, and spoken language, can be represented in print.

The *Emergent Writing Program* includes a teacher guide and two large charts used to introduce five prewriting strokes, one at a time. Children use each stroke in shaving cream and fingerpaint, and then combine strokes to draw all geometric shapes. Children combine the five prewriting strokes, and draw shapes, and then combine shapes to create designs. They add details to their drawings and describe or tell stories about their works of art. The five prewriting strokes are practiced in art, and then used to form lowercase and uppercase letters and print words and numerals.

The *Emergent Writing Program* includes Directed Drawings where children listen and follow directions, combine shapes and create a larger shape or design, and add details. The activities extend learning about spatial relationships and help children understand whole-part-whole mathematical concepts. Establishing foundational skills and concepts in the engaging atmosphere of directed drawings, prepares children, in time, to accurately print, combine, and comprehend letters in meaningful and creative ways.

CURRICULUM DESIGN AND COMPONENTS

- **Initial emphasis on social emotional development, communication, and classroom management** before academic content accelerates in Unit 2
- **Spiral curriculum design** using thematic units with whole-group and small-group learning activities that include repeated exposures to vocabulary words, content and skills week-to-week and unit to unit
- **Developmental learning progressions** scaffold content, skills and learning outcomes from easy to more challenging and less to more (Hess, 2010, Hess & Kearns, 2010)
- **10 Teacher Resource Systems (TRS)** include lesson plans and activities for differentiation and cumulative review of previously taught content and skills; three weeks of lesson plans and suggestions for reteaching or extending learning in week four
- **Informational and literary books written specifically for the program** ensure vocabulary words, concepts, and skills align with instructional purpose and offer repeated exposure to develop skills
- **Social emotional books written specifically for the program** develop social competencies for cooperative learning, empathy, and persistence in problem solving
- **Emergent Writing Program** develops foundational skills for written expression (body posture, grip, alignment, orientation to draw, paint, and print letters and numerals)
- **Assessment options** include an Early Learning Screener, monthly curriculum-based unit checklists, and a comprehensive benchmark assessment that may be completed three times per year to estimate and report progress and achievement
- **Technology resources** provide easy access to teacher resources, instructional materials and learning activities

INSTRUCTION AND GUIDED PRACTICE

- **Whole-group overviews and quick reviews** daily link prior learning with new information to sustain gains and deepen comprehension
- **Teacher-led small-group lessons** provide daily collaborative conversations and differentiated instruction and feedback at the point of need
- **Child-directed experiences** in collaborative learning centers encourage social cooperation, productive play, and daily opportunities for extending learning
- **Intentional instruction and guided practice for social competencies** develop social awareness and acceptance, respectful communication, and responsible decision-making
- **Intentional instruction and guided practice to develop foundational skills** encourage vocabulary word knowledge, oral language, and literacy and prewriting development
- **Integrated instruction across all domains** promotes content knowledge and skills for listening comprehension, phonological awareness, oral language expressive fluency
- **Differentiated instruction and extended guided practice** opportunities ensure learning makes sense to all children, including language development for English learners

- **Questions and Collaborative Conversations** aligned to illustrations and text encourage thoughtful dialogue, making inferences or predictions, and problem solving
- **Intentional instruction to develop number sense and mathematical concepts** support children’s development in counting, operations, and using data to make comparisons
- **Physical Health and Safety, Fine Arts and Creative Dramatics** help children learn to honor personal space and unique differences that contribute to cooperative learning experiences with adults and peers

PROGRAM COST

Grade	Product	Unit Price
PreK	Ready to Advance Early Learning 1-Year Package - National Edition (plus digital) Includes: all print and digital materials for Whole Group, Student Practice, Small Group, Trade Books, and Assessment for 1 year and 1 year consumables (20 copies per unit); PD Included: Initial and Ongoing Product & Professional Implementation	\$5,500
PreK	Ready to Advance Early Learning 3-Year Package - National Edition (plus digital) Includes: all print and digital materials for Whole Group, Student Practice, Small Group, Trade Books, and Assessment for 3 years and 3 years consumables (20 copies per unit); PD Included: Initial and Ongoing Product & Professional Implementation	\$6,200
PreK	Ready to Advance Early Learning 6-Year Package - National Edition (plus digital) Includes: all print and digital materials for Whole Group, Student Practice, Small Group, Trade Books, and Assessment for 6 years and 6 years consumables (20 copies per unit); PD Included: Initial and Ongoing Product & Professional Implementation	\$7,000
	Customized Professional Development (per consultant/per day)	\$2,800

**The above proposed program costs will remain in effect for the length of the Adoption.*

The **RTA Early Learning Program** is aligned to every learning outcome included in all fifty states’ preschool guidelines or standards for children ages four (4) to five (5) years, with 3-year old modifications, including the Florida Early Learning and Development Standards and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.

Based on the provisions outlined in the Florida Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Policies and Procedures and Curriculum Approval Specifications documents, the following attachments are also provided separately for your review:

- Attachment 1 – *RTA Early Learning Program Description (Curriculum Targets)*
- Attachment 2 – *RTA Early Learning Professional Development Plan*
- Attachment 3 – *RTA Early Learning Lead Program Authors’ Resumes*
- Attachment 4 – *RTA Early Learning Digital Access Instructions*

RTA Early Learning Program Title and ISBN List

Qty	Title	ISBN
1	Ready to Advance Early Learning Full Program VPS	NULL
1	Ready To Advance Whole Group Box	NULL
1	Letter Card Sheets Gr. K-2 (Phonics)	9781502163103
1	Community Helpers Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532205835
1	Filomena the Flip-Flop Fairy Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532205842
1	Fall Season and Weather Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532205859
1	Which Set Has More? Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532205873
1	My Town Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532205880
1	Student Picture Cards	9781532207648
1	Student High-Frequency Word Cards	9781532211300
1	Fishing With Pops Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532220425
1	What I Like About School Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532220449
1	Same and Different Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532220456
1	Your Body Works Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532220531
1	At the Beach Shared Reading Book CA (2017) (Big Book)	9781532220548
1	Learning with Your Senses Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532220562
1	People and Their Homes Shared Reading Book CA (2017) (Big Book)	9781532220579
1	Patterns Lap Book	9781532220586
1	Things I Like Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532220647
1	Healthy Choices Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532220654
1	Sort and Classify Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532220678
1	The Harvest Festival Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532220692
1	Where People Live Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532220753
1	Chuy's Piñata Party Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532220777
1	Numerals and Number Words Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532220791
1	Special Celebrations Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532220807
1	Winter Season and Weather Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532220869
1	We Make Healthy Choices Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532220951
1	Your Special Day Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532220975
1	People Grow and Change Shared Reading Book	9781532256776
1	Time for School Shared Reading Book	9781532256783
1	Tasha's Baby Brother Shared Reading Book	9781532256790
1	Akio Helps Shared Reading Book	9781532256806
1	Finding Oliver Shared Reading Book	9781532256813
1	Don't Push, Penny! Shared Reading Book	9781532256820
1	Unit 1 Literacy/Math Poster Poetry Poster	9781532257629
1	Unit 2 Literacy/Math Poster Poetry Poster	9781532257636

1	Unit 3 Literacy/Math Poster Poetry Poster	9781532257643
1	Unit 4 Literacy/Math Poster Poetry Poster	9781532257650
1	Unit 5 Literacy/Math Poster Poetry Poster	9781532257667
1	Emergent Writing Flip Book Volume 1 Teacher Resource	9781532257728
1	ASL Alphabet and Classroom Management Poster Poetry Poster	9781532257766
2	Student Workmats	9781532258022
1	Ready To Advance Whole Group Box	NULL
1	Animals Are Living Things Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207136
1	How People Travel Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207143
1	Plants Are Living Things Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207150
1	Food from Farms and Factories Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207167
1	Insects All Around Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207174
1	Cole Cat Finds a Friend Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207181
1	My Red Balloon Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207198
1	Growing Like a Bean Sprout Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207204
1	Uncle Ted's Truck Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207211
1	My Pet Cricket Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207228
1	Mammals Are Animals Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207235
1	Land, Water, and Air Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207242
1	Keeping Earth Clean Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207259
1	Life on a Farm Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207266
1	Summer Days Shared Reading Book (Big Book)	9781532207273
1	Animal Shapes and Sizes Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532207303
1	Positions in Space Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532207310
1	Where Are the Animals? Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532207334
1	Come With Me! Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532207341
1	Foods From Plants Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532207358
1	Insects Everywhere Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532211256
1	What Food Do You Like to Make? Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532211270
1	Learning About Time Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532216107
1	Problem Solving Shared Reading Book (Lap Book)	9781532216121
1	Learning About Money Shared Reading Book CA (2017) (Lap Book)	9781532217531
1	Mattie's Impossible Mane Shared Reading Book	9781532256837
1	Riding on an Airplane Shared Reading Book	9781532256844
1	Blooming Butterflies Shared Reading Book	9781532256851
1	Playing Grocery Store Shared Reading Book	9781532256868
1	Little Alvin Shared Reading Book	9781532256882
1	Instructional Routines Flip Chart	9781532256905
1	Unit 6 Literacy/Math Poster Poetry Poster	9781532257674
1	Unit 7 Literacy/Math Poster Poetry Poster	9781532257681
1	Unit 8 Literacy/Math Poster Poetry Poster	9781532257698



1	Unit 9 Literacy/Math Poster Poetry Poster	9781532257704
1	Unit 10 Literacy/Math Poster Poetry Poster	9781532257711
1	Emergent Writing Flip Book Volume 2 Teacher Resource	9781532257735
1	Sound-Symbol Cards Teacher Card	9781532258015
1	Ready To Advance Literacy Tool Box	NULL
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1	High-Frequency Word Cards	9781532207679
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6	In the Fall Leveled Text	9781532205927
6	Find the Animals High Frequency Word Text	9781532207365
6	Going Places High Frequency Word Text	9781532207372
6	I Have Seeds High Frequency Word Text	9781532207389
6	Baby Mammals Leveled Text	9781532207396
6	Cole Cat Leveled Text	9781532207402
6	Many Animals Leveled Text	9781532207419
6	How We Travel Leveled Text	9781532207426
6	My Balloon Adventure Leveled Text	9781532207433
6	Look Around You Leveled Text	9781532207440
6	What Plants Need Leveled Text	9781532207457
6	My Bean Sprout Leveled Text	9781532207464
6	We Need Clean Water Leveled Text	9781532207471
6	We Make Food High Frequency Word Text	9781532211287
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6	Cricket's Song Leveled Text	9781532216091
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6	I am Happy Leveled Text	9781532220517
6	I Like School High Frequency Word Text	9781532220524
6	At Home Leveled Text CA (2017)	9781532220630
6	My Neighborhood Leveled Text	9781532220722
6	At the Festival Leveled Text	9781532220739
6	You Can Exercise Leveled Text	9781532220746
6	At a Birthday Party Leveled Text	9781532220760
6	Chuy's Piñata Leveled Text	9781532220845
6	What Do We Wear in the Snow? Leveled Text	9781532220852
6	I Hear Leveled Text	9781532220920
6	Going to the Beach Leveled Text CA (2017)	9781532220937
6	What Is This? High Frequency Word Text	9781532220944
6	Staying Healthy High Frequency Word Text	9781532220968
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