

This year, all Kindergarten to Grade 2 English Prime students and Grades 1-3 French Immersion students are participating in the *Early Grades Literacy Assessment (EGLA)* program. *EGLA* supports New Brunswick's *K-2 Modernized English Language Arts Curriculum* and the *L'art du langage en immersion précoce 1e-3e année* documents.

This new reading assessment tool helps teachers assess the five developmental areas needed to become a skilled reader:

- **Phonological Awareness:** hearing and manipulating sounds in spoken words
- **Phonics:** knowing the connections between printed letters and speech sounds
- **Fluency:** reading with accuracy and expression
- **Vocabulary:** understanding and using a range of words when communicating
- **Comprehension:** constructing meaning from oral and print texts

Based on current research, assessing these very specific reading skills shows teachers what has already been learned, and what still needs to be learned.

These developmental skills for reading are presented in English as *The Building Blocks of Reading Continuum* and in French in the *L'art du langage en immersion précoce 1e-3e année* document.

Thank you for supporting your child as they develop their reading skills.

