

CTL Clinic at HEDCO

SIGNS OF RISK

for reading and math difficulties



Helping our community produce imaginative and successful learners

The UO's CTL Clinic at HEDCO provides small group and one-to-one tutoring services in early reading and math skills for students who may be at risk for developing learning difficulties in the future.

Here are some indicators that your child could benefit from our services:

Signs Your Child May Be at Risk for Reading Difficulties

In Kindergarten:

- Does not know names for all the letters of the alphabet (capital and lowercase)
- Has difficulty identifying sounds in spoken words (e.g., "bat" begins with /b/)
- Does not know the most common sound for many letters of the alphabet
- Has difficulty spelling or writing their first name
- Does not know basic print concepts (e.g., books are read in English front to back, left to right, and top to bottom)

In 1st grade:

- Has difficulty with any of the above identified in Kindergarten
- Does not identify words that rhyme or cannot produce words that rhyme
- Has difficulty breaking down words into individual sounds or phonemes (e.g., "jump" into /j/ /u/ /m/ /p/)
- Does not attempt to sound-out CVC words with common sounds (e.g., cat, map, mat, top, tip, tap)

In 2nd grade:

- Has difficulty with any of the above identified in Kindergarten and 1st grade
- Does not know the sounds for common digraphs (e.g. /ch/, /th/, /sh/, /wh/)
- Does not read grade-level material with a high degree of accuracy
- Cannot answer literal comprehension questions about stories

Signs Your Child May Be at Risk for Math Difficulties

In Kindergarten

- Cannot count to 20 by themselves
- Cannot identify or write numerals from 0 to 20
- Cannot accurately count a group of objects
- Cannot compare the size of two numbers up to 10 (which number is greater)
- Cannot add or subtract numbers from 1 to 5

In 1st grade

- Has difficulty with any of the above identified in 1st grade
- Cannot count to 100 by ones or tens by themselves
- Cannot identify or write numerals from 0 to 100
- Cannot compare the size of two numbers up to 100
- Cannot add or subtract numbers from 0 to 20
- Cannot solve basic addition and subtraction word problems

In 2nd grade

- Has difficulty with any of the above identified in kindergarten or 1st grade
- Cannot add or subtract numbers from 0 to 100

