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English Graded Reading

The First Year of an ER School in China: Curriculum Design, Program Implementation, and Progress

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Who We Are

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- MSc Spatial Data Science (UCL)
- Worked as Data Analyst & Urban Planning Consultant
- Taught Geography in IB School

Guihua Wu (aka 花姐 Hua Jie)



- Teaching ESL in public middle school for 30+ years
- Practicing ER in public school for 10+ years
- Attended ERWC5 in 2019



How We Started

All we had at the beginning

- 2 people
- Some understanding on ER
- Experiences in teaching
- A vacant retail space owned by ourselves
- Great support from PERC in information and resources

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All we need to do

To deliver some sort of courses with:



Textboook: iWonder L1-6



6 levels of graded readers (1500+ books in 20+ series, YL 0.1-1.5)









First Month: Getting to Know the Market



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The Survey on English Learning Experience and Expectation (67 students in G4-G6)

Took courses

using original/EFL

textbooks



Started learning

English in

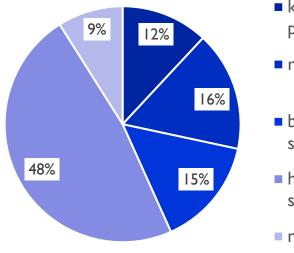
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Experience in Graded Reading

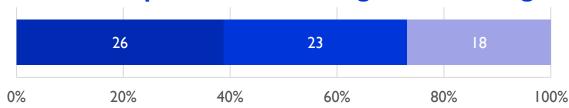


- know them well and reading with planning
- reading but without any plan
- bought some books to read but not sure if they are graded readers
- heard about the concept and some series but never read any
- never heard about it



Read graded

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- Advanced English learning, be able to use it for work/academic purposes
- excel in schoolwork and exams
- no specific expectation, just try their best to learn



First Month: Curriculum Beta Version

	Target Student	Main Material	Plan	Class
Guided ER Course	G3+	Graded readers	45 min/session (15 min guided reading + 30 min individual free reading/activities/tasks) + App with audio for extensive listening at home Upon appointment (1-2 sessions/week)	I-to-I
Intensive Reading Course	GI-G9	EFL Textbooks (iWonder)	90 min/lesson 2 lessons/week with scheduled time + App with audio for extensive listening at home	Group of 4-8
Integrated IR+ER Course (a tailored class)	(G4-5)	iWonder +grade readers	I lesson/week borrow books to read at home + App with audio for extensive listening at home	Group of 7

Course Bundle for new students:
Pay for 18 IR lessons, get 8 ER sessions for free



First Semester: First Upgrade

Our Expectation

- Students come 2-3 times
 every week
- Do listening everyday at home

Reality

- Kids are busy
- If something is optional or free, it is not important
- Pricey
- Kids won't listen at home

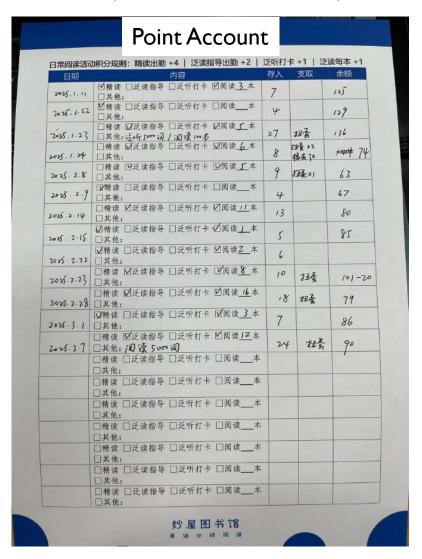
Adjustment

- New Course Plan:
- 1.5 hrs IR class
- + 45 min IvI guided ER session
- Reward System



First Semester: First Upgrade

Points, Achievements, and Rewards











First Winter Break: Seasonal Activities

Winter Break Reading Challenge



April: Reading Marathon

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暑假阅读挑战规则

Summer Readi, 挑战时间: 2025年6月30日 - 8月31日 (共9周63天)

1. 每日泛读泛听 (以听力熊或App记录为准) 打卡达到 50天 获得 100 积分 打卡达到 60天 再获得 100 积分 期间累计泛听时长 全馆 Top3 再获得 100 积分

2.Reading Bingo挑战 (需提交相应照片/录音/视频/阅读记录) 每完成 一条直线 (横、竖、斜皆可) 上5个格子里的任务获得 25 积分

read 3 books about animals 阅读3本 关于动物的书 阅读记录	read along with 5 books 跟读5本书 (可分几次完成) 录音或视频	read on safa 在沙发上阅读 ^{照片或视频}	give a character a Chinese name 给书中角色取中文名 井说明理由 阅读记录	read on a rainy day 在爾天阅读 服片或視順
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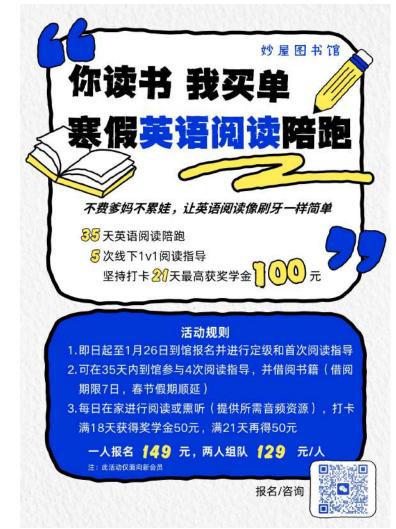


First Winter Break: Short Courses



Phonics Course:

- 2 hrs/lesson
- 7 lessons
- K3-G2/G2-G4
- Phonics rules + Decoding readers



ER Camp:

- 5 guided ER sessions in 35 days
- Books available for borrowing
- Keep reading/listening at home for scholarship



First Winter Break: IR x ER v 1.0

Not Good Enough

The IR+ER course

plan: low efficiency,

unsustainable

Things Went Well

- ER Trial Lessons
- Reward System
- Activities
- The tailored class of Integraded IR+ER

	Target Student	Main Material	Plan
Book borrowing	For all		borrowing books and read by self + App with audio to listen at home
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Integrated IR and ER Course	GI-G9	EFL Textbooks (iWonder) + graded readers	group of 2-8, I lesson/week with scheduled time 120 min/lesson (20-30 min guided ER + IR with textbook) + borrowing books to read/listen at home + App with audio to listen at home



IR+ER Class: Structured Lesson Plans + Learning Process

Before Class

Book check-in/out

Reading Log check Points log-in

In Class:

Phonics + Textbook + Guided Reading

After Class

Homework:

Read (Reading Log)

+ Extensive Listening (log-in with a miniprogram)

- Feedback to parents
- Teaching reflection& new lesson plan







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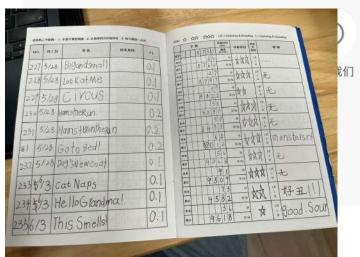
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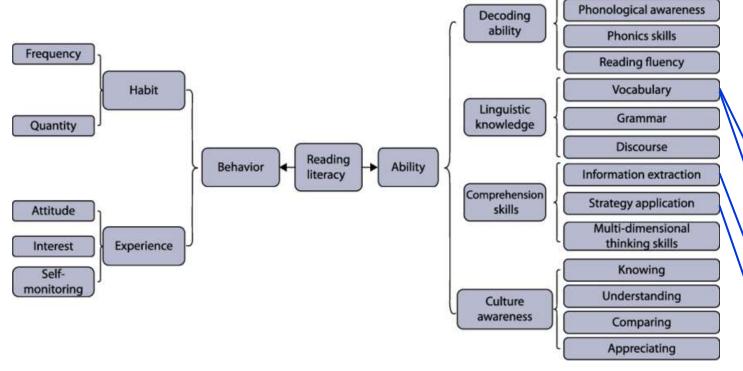


Set reading goal Locate focused reading skills/strategies Choose suitable books Read & Practice



Guided ER: Systematic Reading Ability Development Pathway

1. Set a specifict reading goal based on stage/level



The framework of English reading literacy for basic education in China

Wang, Qiang & Chen, Zehang & Xianglin, Qi. (2020). Improving Chinese students' English reading through graded readers: Rationale, strategies and effectiveness. Language Teaching for Young Learners. 2. 262-301. 10.1075/ltyl.19022.wan.



English Graded Reading Standard for Chinese Students

The indicators of students at Stage 2 (recommended readers include Big Cat level 3-6):

- Be able to understand common compound words such as "classroom"
 - Be able to understand words ending with -s, -es, -ed, -ing by its main part
- ...

Book Concepts

- Be able to orally retell or summarize the key information based on keywords or pictures
- Be able to predict the plot of the story and find evidence for the prediction
- ...

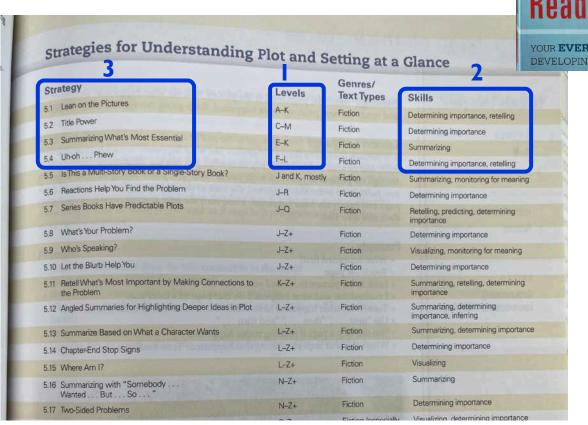


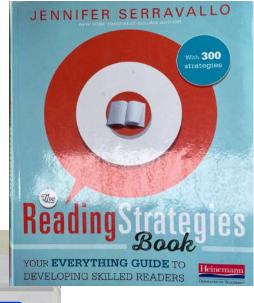
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2. Locate focusing reading skills and strategies

Eg. determining importance, retelling, visualizing, summarizing



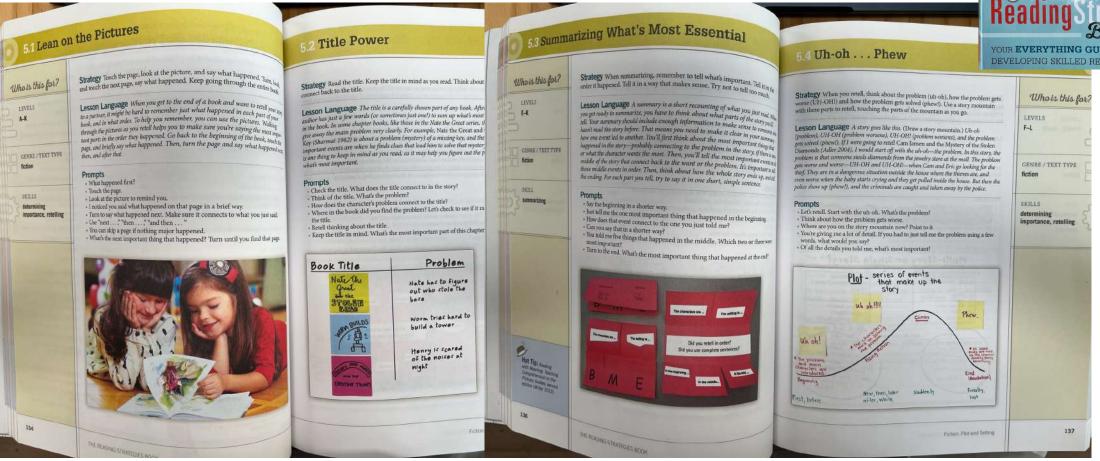


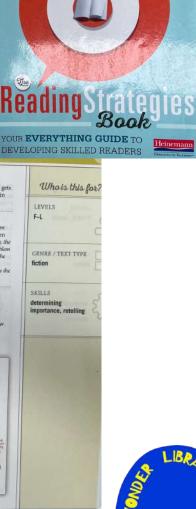




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3. Choose suitable books, read and practice

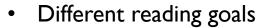




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First New Year: Indivisualisation



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Support in review and preview schoolwork

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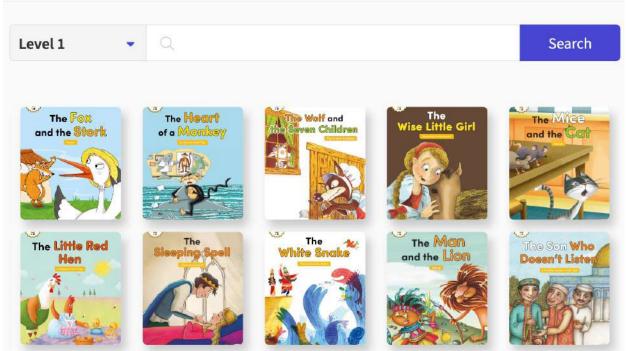




First New Year: Indivisualisation

- Different reading goals
- Different requirements
- Support in review and preview schoolwork

e-future Readers Series
e-future Classic Readers
(Elementary)



24: The Wise Little Girl Two brothers are (1) their horses. The rich brother has a big strong horse. The poor brother has an old horse. The next day, there is a new baby horse. The rich brother says, "It is the color of my horse. It is (2) ." The poor brother says, "It has long legs (3) my horse. It is mine!" The king (4) of the two brothers. He gives them a question. "The man who answers the question will get the horse," he says. The king asks, "What are the fastest, fattest, softest, and most valuable things in the world?" The two brothers (5) very hard. The rich brother thinks and says, "The fastest is the king's horse. The fattest is the king's cow." The king (6) Then the rich man says, "The softest is the king's bed. The most valuable is the king's (7) ." "I like your answers," says the king. "What do you say?" he asks the poor man. The poor man has no (8) But his daughter has an idea. The wise little girl says, "The fastest is the cold, north wind. The fattest (9) the fields which give us our food." Then the girl says, "The softest is a child's kiss, and the most valuable is honesty." The king gives the baby horse (10) the wise little girl.



First Year: Where We Are

LI-6 (YL 0.1-1.5)

Reading Activities & Reward System

Feedbacks to parents

Short Courses

Phonics

Chapter Book IR

Speaking

Book Borrowing

Guided ER lessons

Integrated IR&ER lessons

Regular Courses/Services

Graded Readers L1-L9 (Pre-A1 to C1) approx. 5000 books in 60+ series







L7 (YL 1.0-2.0) L8 (YL 2.0-4.0) L9 (YL 3.5-5.5)



First Year: Where We Are

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600+ books, 100k words

All students read 100 books within 3 months

G6 958 books, 455k words

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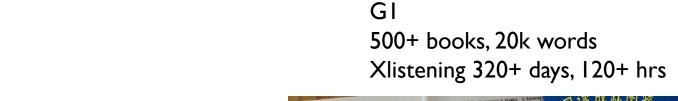
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阅读起步中



Thank You For Listening!

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