

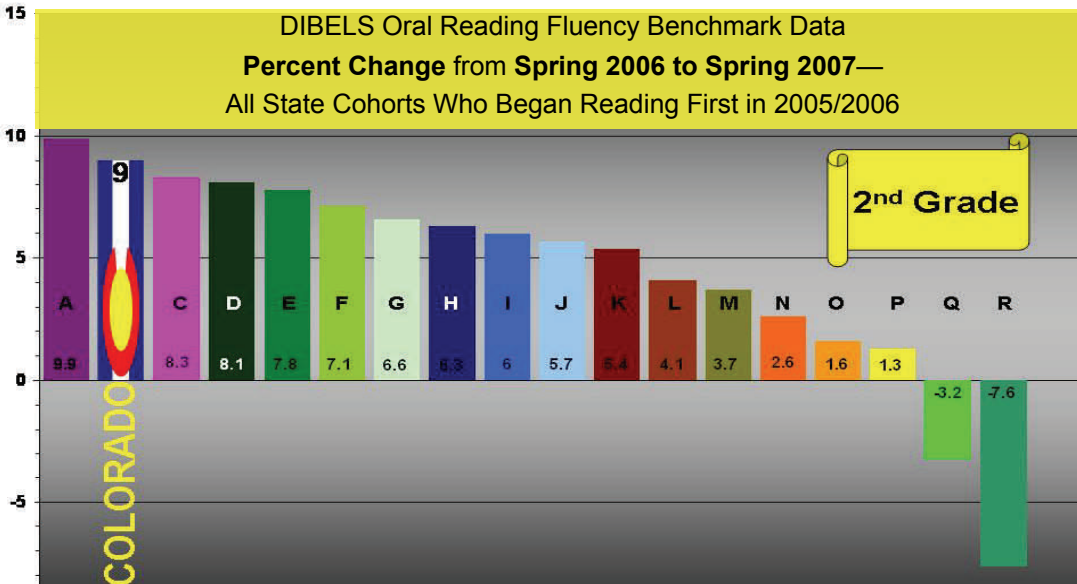


TOUCHING BASE

NOVEMBER 4, 2008

PUTTING PROVEN METHODS OF READING RESEARCH IN THE CLASSROOM TO INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ACROSS COLORADO

COLORADO READING FIRST PERFORMING WELL



The chart above illustrates the percent change in Oral Reading Fluency Benchmark for second grade in 18 states that enrolled in Reading First in the 2005/2006 school year.

Equivalent data for first and third grade (below) revealed a similar trend, with Colorado scoring well within the top quarter of the population analyzed.

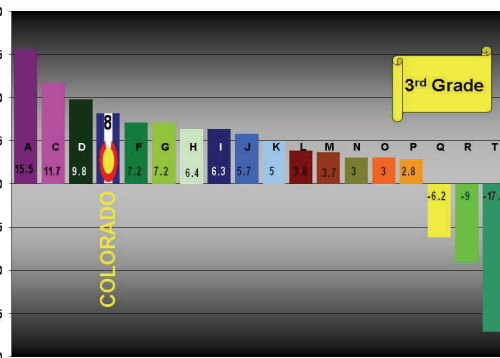
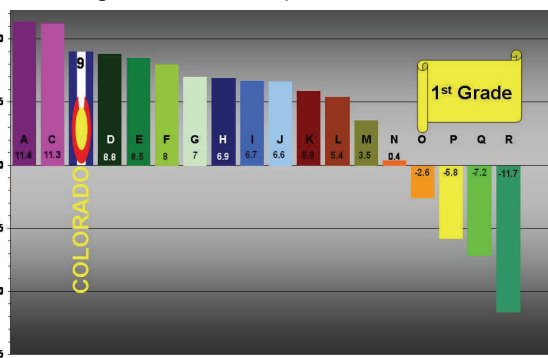
This information was presented at the National Reading First State Directors Meeting in Washington, D.C. in September 2008.

The data represents a notable increase in performance among young Colorado readers. CRF would like to salute the effort and dedication that these numbers represent. Well Done!

This information was compiled from the 2007 RF State APR Data Report:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/readingfirst/state-data/achievement-data.pdf>

*Colorado Data obtained from the University of Oregon



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- CRF Statistics
- Anita Archer on the Web
- Dolch Sight Words
- CRF News
- Calendar of Events





ANITA ARCHER ON THE WEB!!!

Following the Colorado Reading First Fall Conferences in Pueblo and Denver, CRF would like to give you access to more of Anita Archer's instruction.

The following internet link is from the Sonoma County Office of Education and offers a wonderful resource and access to Dr. Archer's instructional videos. Colorado Reading First would like to encourage you to visit this web-site.

Dr. Anita Archer is a talented author and beloved teacher of teachers. This video series is one of her many gifts to the educational community. Produced with support from the Sonoma County Office of Education, it is made available at no cost thanks to her generous spirit.

The series addresses strategic literacy instruction in grades K-8 using a "research to practice" approach grounded in pragmatic real-world application. Each video

is 4 to 8 minutes long, has a particular strategic focus, and was shot unrehearsed in real time. A short viewing guide is included for each video, providing guidance for viewing and feedback for post-viewing applications. Additional videos in this developing series will be added every 4 to 6 weeks.

Please visit:

<http://www.scoe.org/pub/htdocs/archer-videos.html>



"I FIND TELEVISION VERY EDUCATING. EVERY TIME SOMEBODY TURNS ON THE SET, I GO INTO THE OTHER ROOM AND READ A BOOK."

~ GROUCHO MARX (1890—1977)

DOLCH SIGHT LIST—220 WORDS **YOU** NEED TO **KNOW**

The Dolch Word List is a list of commonly used English words that was originally compiled by Edward Dolch, Ph.D., in 1948. Dolch compiled this list based on children's books of the period. Dolch selected 220 "service words" which children need to recognize in order to achieve reading fluency.

Many of the words in the Dolch list cannot be "sounded out", and hence

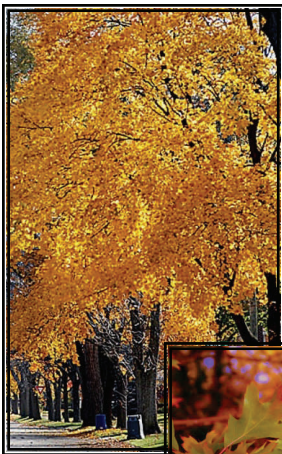
must be learned by sight. This is why the list is often referred to as the "Dolch Sight Word List", and the words on it, as "Dolch Sight Words".

The Dolch Word List is often used in educational activities to teach reading. Additionally, though the Dolch Word List was originally devised in the context of teaching English-speaking children to read,

it has also subsequently become popular in teaching English language learners (ELL).

The .pdf files accompanying this newsletter contain all of the 220 Dolch Basic Sight Words. For more information on Dolch Sight Words please visit:

<http://www.dolchsightwords.org/>



November 2008 Events

Nov 5—ELL Training
Denver: Doubletree 303-321-3333

Nov 6—ELL Training
Pueblo: Marriot 719-586-3281

Nov 7—Special Education Training
Colorado Springs: Doubletree 800-222-8733

Nov 20—Regional Training, Region 5
Cedaredge: Cedaredge Elem. 970-856-3885

December 2008 Events

Dec 1—Leveraging Resources
Pueblo: Marriot 719-586-3281

Dec 2—Leveraging Resources
Denver: Sheraton 4 Points 866-837-4182

Dec 2—Regional Training, Region 4
Monte Vista: Bill Metz Elem. 719-852-4041

Dec 3—Regional Training, Region 1
Commerce City: Dupont Elem. 303-853-3241

Dec 10—Regional Training, Region 3
Pueblo: Parkview Elem. 719-549-7590

Dec 11—Regional Training, Region 2
Colorado Springs: Stratmoor Elem. 719-579-2187

Dec 11—Regional Training, Region 5
Montrose: Johnson Elem. 970-249-2584



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For a complete contact list:
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelgi/CRF/contact.html>



WE ARE ON THE WEB!

[HTTP://WWW.CDE.STATE.CO.US/
CDECOMP/RF_HOME.HTM](http://www.cde.state.co.us/CDECOMP/RF_HOME.HTM)

PUT READING 1ST!



CRF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

November 2008



**CDE Office
Closed on
November 27 &
28, 2008**
**Thanksgiving
Holiday**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	S/SU
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3	4	5 ELL Training, Denver, CO	6 ELL Training, Pueblo, CO	7 Spec. Ed. Training, Colo. Springs, CO	8/9
10	11	12	13	14	15/16
17	18	19	20 Regional Training, REG 5, Cedaredge	21	22/23
24	25	26	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!	28	29/30
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