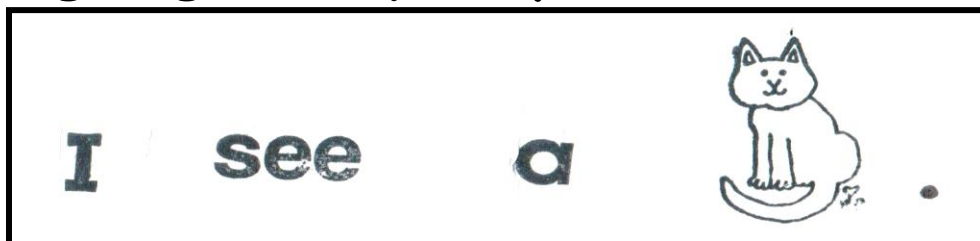


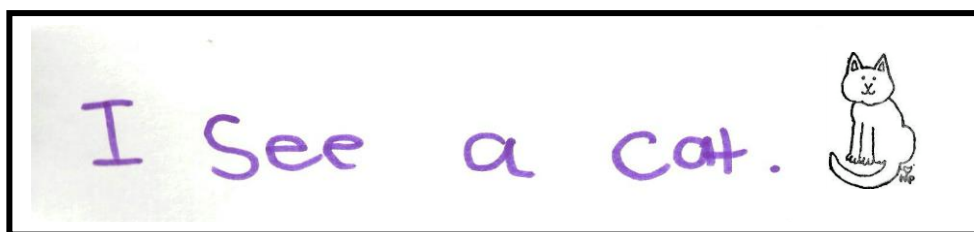
Stamp and Read Books Allow Children to Practice Building High-Frequency Sentence Patterns



Early in the year, children make "stamp and read skinny books" to learn the concept of a word. Books with simple repetitive patterns allow children to **experience using words to make sentences and "magical memory reading."** A collection of animal stamps provides choices for sentence building in these 4-page books. **Teach for fluency with high-frequency word phrases.**

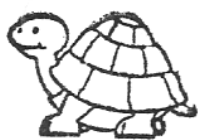
I see a _____.

This is the _____.



As children begin doing more writing, we once again use **these familiar sentence patterns to build handwriting fluency.** Now they practice writing "I see a ____." on five separate pages. Each time children write this sentence the neurological connections get stronger and handwriting becomes more automatic. They always end these books with **"the end", and then an adult adds the "I can read. Listen to me." stamp.** A few months later they repeat the strategy: first stamping and later writing a book based on the high-frequency sentence pattern, "This is the ____."

Add Laminated Word and Stamp Cards to Your Stamp and Read Skinny Book Center: Children Love to Write the Words!



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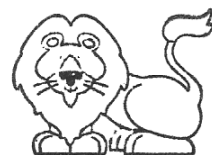
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