

The Sunform™ Alphabet System

Neurologically Integrated Pictograph Mnemonics

Learning all 26 letter name sounds—and their sounds—at the same time is overwhelming for many English Language Learners, Standard English Learners, and children lacking ideal school readiness. These students simply can't memorize that much alphabetic knowledge, and so they flounder all the way through the primary grades on a Below



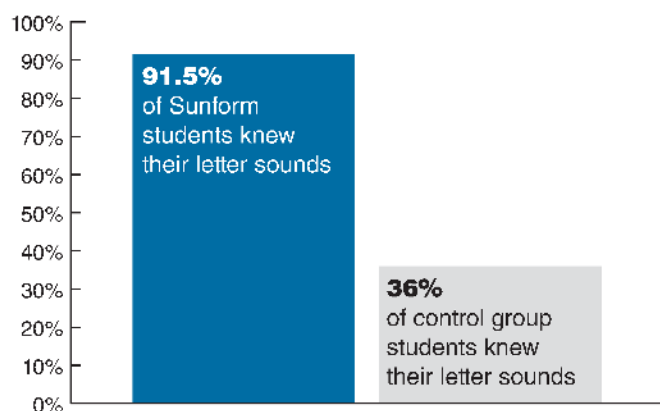
Basic trajectory. Sunform's neurologically integrated innovation enables 4 and 5-year-olds to very quickly become beginning readers through mastery of all 26

beginning letter sounds correspondences to automaticity.

Sunform has been shown in four published research studies to produce dramatic literacy gains in pre-K, K-2 and remedial settings. Daily 15–20 minute lessons complement any curriculum and are developmentally appropriate for pre-K/4K learners.



Underserved Preschoolers Become Beginning Readers



In a Chicago Public Schools preschool study*, Sunform students learned 91.5% of their sounds while the control group students learned 36% of their sounds.

*Massengill Shaw, D., & Sundberg, M.L. (2008). At-risk preschoolers become beginning readers with neurologically integrated alphabet instruction. *Journal of Education Research*, 2(1), 61-73.

“After two months of instruction, eight of my 12 students were already at the blending stage; they had learned all 26 letter pictures in just two weeks! Having this pre-reading edge going into kindergarten will be very beneficial for the students and their teachers”

Kim Villanueva

Teacher

Chappell Child Development Centers in Jacksonville, FL.

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How it Works

Sunform simultaneously teaches children phonemic awareness, beginning letter sounds, and letter shapes. Created by Mary Lou Sundberg, a Learning Disability specialist, Sunform rapidly produces automaticity by integrating visual, auditory and motor skills. The methodology activates both the right and left brain hemispheres and goes beyond multisensory learning (seeing, saying, and doing) by integrating emotionally engaging images and alliterations, and transforming abstract, non-phonetic symbols into meaningful, phonetic letters.

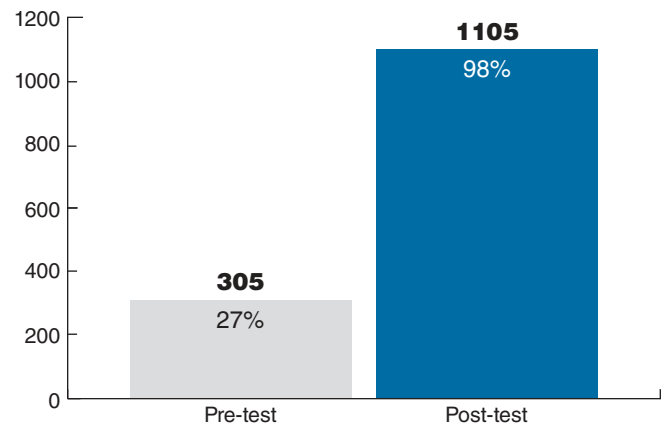


The non-consumable Sunform materials last for years!

English Language Learners

Phonemic Awareness (PA) is a key predictor of how well children will learn to read, yet many ELL's struggle to hear and/or produce Mainstream English sounds (either specific sounds aren't part of their first language, or letters represent different sounds). Differing short vowel sounds are especially challenging for native Spanish speakers, resulting in permanent reading and spelling difficulties. Sunform establishes the PA foundation essential for reading and writing proficiency!

Response to Intervention Tier1/Tier2



43 Chicago Public School students who had failed kindergarten, mastered sounds and handwriting in just 51 hours of summer school.

Massengill Shaw, D., & Sundberg, M.L. (2008). How a neurologically integrated approach which teaches sound-symbol correspondence and legible letter formations impacts at-risk first graders. *Journal of At-Risk Issues*, 14(1), 13-21.

Kindergarten Alphabet Readiness

With Sunform, *all* of your students can meet the challenging Kindergarten readiness standards!

**“Our state test results were amazing!
Not a single student scored in the
bottom quartile.”**

Maureen Stafford
*former Curriculum Director
Munster IN School Corporation*

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