

Grade Level: ECS -Grade 1

Phonemic Awareness

Target Skill: Segmenting Beginning & Ending Sounds

INSTRUCTIONS

First, students search for small natural objects they can hide in their hands (rock, dandelion, seed, pinecone etc.) Then, all students bring their hidden object back to an outdoor circle. Begin the song! Go through the verses and identify the beginning and ending sounds for each natural object.

What are You Holding in your Hands?

(Sung to the tune of If You're Happy and You Know It!)

Oh, what are you holding in your hands?
Oh, what are you holding in your hands?
We'd really like to know
So go ahead and show
Oh, what are you holding in your hands?

Point to a student. Student open hands to reveal natural object. Everyone says the word together and stretches it out orally to hear the distinct phonemes.

What sound do we hear at the start?
What sound do we hear at the start?
What sound could it be?
Shout it out with me...
_____ is what we hear at the start!

What sound do we hear at the end?
What sound do we hear at the end?
What sound could it be?
Shout it out with me...
_____ is what we hear at the end!