## DRA3 Assessment Reading Calendar

While the Developmental Reading Assessment® Third Edition (DRA™3) is arguably one of the most popular benchmarking tools for determining reading skills, its usefulness extends throughout the entire year. From initial benchmarking through consistent progress monitoring and end-of-year skills checks, DRA3 has you covered!

### August

**Back-to-school prep**
- Conduct staff training
- Set up teacher access to the DRA3 online platform
- Attend training or review of DRA3
- Perform implementation checks
- Prepare your class lists for the Fall Benchmark Assessment
- Plan for pre-assessment activities

### September

**Assessments and instruction**
- Conduct DRA3 assessments
- Begin follow-up instruction
- Administer the DRA3 Word Analysis to students below benchmark

### October

**Interventions, instruction, and progress monitoring**
- Administer the Word Analysis to K-3 students below benchmark
- Progress Monitor students in grades 2–8
- Conduct Reading Engagement assessment
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction
- Prepare for Parent-Teacher conferences

### November

**Time for parent teacher conferences!**
- Monitor progress of identified students
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction
- Conduct parent-teacher conferences

### December

**Progress monitoring and continued instruction**
- Monitor progress of identified students
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction
- Administer Word Analysis to emerging readers in kindergarten
- Re-administer the Word Analysis
- Follow your district assessment calendar for mid-year assessments
- Conduct follow-up instruction

### January

**Mid-year progress monitoring**
- Monitor progress of identified students
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction
- Administer Word Analysis to emerging readers in kindergarten
- Follow your district assessment calendar for mid-year assessments
- Conduct follow-up instruction
February

**Progress monitoring and mid-year conferences**
- Monitor progress of identified students
- Administer Word Analysis to grades 1–3 students below benchmark
- Prepare for and conduct mid-year Parent-Teacher conferences
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction

March

**Progress monitoring and continued instruction**
- Monitor progress of identified students
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction

April

**Progress monitoring and continued instruction**
- Monitor progress of identified students
- Model, teach, and support areas in need of instruction

May

**Spring benchmarks and end-of-year prep**
- Prepare materials for spring benchmark
- Conduct and score DRA3 end-of-year assessments
- Administer Word Analysis with students previously assessed mid-year
- Prepare suggested reading list and reading log

June

**Plan for next year**
- Prep student files to transition for new school year
- Order additional kits
- Restock assessment forms

July

**Enjoy summer!**

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