

Running Records

Snacks Crossing Elementary School utilizes the Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System.

Benchmarks are determined by a student's ability to decode and comprehend books on their reading levels. Books are leveled from A to Z, with A being the easiest to Z being the most challenging. Each level in between shows a small increase in reading ability. This assessment is formally administered in a one on one (teacher-student) setting. During a Running Record, a student is given a Fiction or Nonfiction Text determined by their reading level from the previous school year. The student reads the text to the teacher while being timed. This allows the teacher to notate the student's accuracy and fluency. At the completion of the text, the student and teacher discuss the contents of the book. This allows the teacher to assess the student's ability to comprehend. The teacher then uses this data to determine the students reading level and identify whether the student is below, on target, or above the grade level reading expectation. This data allows a teacher to efficiently plan for effective instruction and in student intervention.