

## **TERMS**

**Phoneme:** Smallest unit of speech

**Phonemic Awareness:** Ability to hear, identify, move or changes sounds (phonemes) in spoken words

**Alphabetic Principle:** The idea that letters and letter patterns represent the sounds of spoken language

**Grapheme:** Individual letters or groups of letters that represent individual speech sounds (ex. “ch” or “igh” in “light”)

**Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondence:** How graphemes map to phonemes

**Decode:** The ability to apply knowledge of letter-sound relationships to correctly pronounce written words

**Encode:** An understanding of phonics is used to build or spell a word

**Orthography:** The writing system of a language

**Phonics:** The systematic relationship between letters and sounds

**Syllable:** Part of a word that contains a single vowel sound

**Morpheme:** The smallest meaningful unit of language