## Circle Chart Essential Foundational Skills

The following 220 sight words are tracked on the Circle Charts. Dolch assigned these grade levels in 1945; however, we have found that many grade 2 children are capable of mastering all of them before the end of grade two. Times have changed: Children have many more experiences with common words through environmental literacy, software games and other multi-media programs.

Complete Dolch Word List Divided by Level

| Pre-primer | Primer |  | Grade One | Grad | Two | Grade Three |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | all | under | after | always | why | about |
| and | am | want | again | around | wish | better |
| away | are | was | an | because | work | bring |
| big | at | well | any | been | would | carry |
| blue | ate | went | ask | before | write | clean |
| can | be | what | as | best | your | cut |
| come | black | white | by | both |  | done |
| down | brown | who | could | buy |  | draw |
| find | but | will | every | call |  | drink |
| for | came | with | fly | cold |  | eight |
| funny | did | yes | from | does |  | fall |
| go | do |  | give | don' $\dagger$ |  | far |
| help | eat |  | going | fast |  | full |
| here | four |  | had | first |  | got |
| 1 | get |  | has | five |  | grow |
| in | good |  | her | found |  | hold |
| is | have |  | him | gave |  | hot |
| it | he |  | his | goes |  | hurt |
| jump | into |  | how | green |  | if |
| little | like |  | just | its |  | keep |
| look | must |  | know | made |  | kind |
| make | new |  | let live | many |  | laugh light |
| my | now |  | may | or |  | long |
| not | on |  | of | pull |  | much |
| one | our |  | old | read |  | myself |
| play | out |  | once | right |  | never |
| red | please |  | open | sing |  | only |
| run | pretty |  | over | sit |  | own |
| said | ran |  | put | sleep |  | pick |
| see the | ride |  | round | tell |  | seven |
| the | saw |  | some | their |  | shall* |
| three to | say she |  | stop | these those |  | show |
| two | so |  | thank | upon |  | small |
| up | soon |  | them | Us |  | start |
| we | that |  | then | use |  | ten |
| where | there |  | think | very |  | today |
| yellow | they |  | walk | wash |  | together |
| you | this too |  | were when | which |  | try warm |

* 'shall' has dropped out of use

