

Table 1.1

The Synchronous Nature of Literacy Development																	
Typical age / grade level of child	3 to 5 PreK- K			5 to 6 Late K – early 1st			6 to 7 Early/mid 1st – early/mid 2nd			7 to 9 Early/late 2nd – Early 4th			9 to 13 Early 4th – late 8th				
Layers of orthography				Alphabet / Sound													
							Pattern										
										Meaning							
Reading and writing stages	Emergent			Beginning			Transitional			Intermediate			Advanced				
	Pretend read			Alphabetic principal taking hold			Transitional			Intermediate			Advanced				
	Pretend write			Beginning			Transitional			Intermediate			Advanced				
Spelling stages Gentry	Pre-communicative	Semiphonetic		Phonetic			Transitional						Conventional				
Spelling stages Bear, Invernizzi, et al.	Emergent			Letter name / alphabetic			Within Word Pattern			Syllables and Affixes			Derivational Relations				
	Early	Middle	Late	Early	Middle	Late	Early	Middle	Late	Early	Middle	Late	Early	Middle	Late		

Adapted from Word Their Way, Fountas and Pinnell chart, and Gentry information