

## ***FLAMINGO SCIENCE OF READING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT***

**Overview.** *Reading proficiency impacts every quality-of-life indicator; however, a disturbingly high percentage of students in the US fail to read grade-level material proficiently by fourth grade (NAEP, 2022). Fortunately, there is more knowledge about how reading develops than ever before. The Science of Reading is a body of knowledge comprising over forty years of research on reading development, reading difficulties, instruction, and content. It is also dynamic and ever-changing rather than static as we continue to learn more about what works for whom and under what conditions.*

**Flamingo Literacy Playbooks.** *To move children to literacy proficiency, the School District of Manatee County is partnering with the UFLC to grow a strong cadre of administrators and literacy leaders with the knowledge, skills, and resources to provide research-based instructional support in the Science of Reading. Through use of the Flamingo Literacy Playbooks, administrators and literacy leaders in the School District of Manatee County will gain advanced knowledge of highly effective literacy instruction, aligned with Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards in English-Language Arts, and evidence-based coaching strategies to enhance teachers' knowledge and skills, ultimately improving literacy outcomes for students.*

*The UFLC developed the Flamingo Literacy Playbooks to ensure that instructional leaders have research-based literacy content at their fingertips when providing job-embedded support to educators. Research shows that the time instructional leaders spend with educators matters. The ready-made playbook resources help maximize the time instructional leaders can spend with teachers. They also help to ensure that coaches provide learning experiences that accurately convey the most up-to-date information on the Science of Reading and evidence-based practices.*