



What is all this talk about FIRST?

There's something new at Banyan School. It's actually a new name for a well-known practice! You see, our teachers are specially trained to provide intensive instruction utilizing a wide variety of research based practices and materials. So, for our scheduling purposes, we have given names to our classes that reflect what is really going on!

When you see "FIRST" CLASS, you will know that it stands for:

Focused  
Intensive  
Readng  
Strategies and  
Techniques, a.k.a. **FIRST!**

**FIRST** classes encompass and incorporate: Wilson Reading, Lindamood-Bell Seeing Stars, Orton Gillingham Reading, and Decoding classes. Some children have two such classes. In that case, you will see **FIRST** and **FIRST PLUS**.

Similarly, our comprehension classes incorporate Lindamood-Bell Visualizing and Verbalizing, Specific Skills work in comprehension, and development of comprehension as it relates to listening and reading. Overall, we have combined those related comprehension remediation techniques into our new **TMC** classes, which stands for:

**T**rainning  
**M**inds to  
**C**omprehend!

The changes will soon be second nature to all of us, but in the meantime, keep this sheet handy!

