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#### **Features**

**Leading authorities** author each chapter and translate their extensive experience and research findings in ways that are accessible to researchers and practitioners.

Research-based strategies show how to improve academic outcomes in areas such as:

- Emergent Reading
- Reading Fluency
- Reading Comprehension
- Arithmetic Combinations
- Mathematics' Reasoning
- Written Expression and more!

**Consistent chapter format** reviews effective practices by conveying definition, theoretical underpinnings, description, fidelity checklist, and research-based summary.

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