Marie Clay designed “An Observation Survey of Early Literacy Achievement” as a Literacy assessment tool for classroom teachers of children in the early stages of learning to read and write. The Observation Survey consists of 5 tasks, each of which informs a different aspect of a child’s literacy learning. In addition to these tasks the teacher performs Running Records on the child’s reading of continuous text. Running Records allow teachers to effectively and accurately observe, record, and analyze a child’s reading in order to make effective teaching decisions. After learning to administer the Observation Survey, you will have a clear understanding of what the child knows, what s/he needs to learn, and the direction your teaching should take. The Observation Survey powerfully exemplifies how assessment should drive your practise.

Marie Clay’s “Observation Survey of Early Literacy Achievement” is published in both English and French and will be given to Vancouver teachers for their school’s professional library (one per school) to teachers who have completed all four sessions of this summer institute.

It is recommended that Resource Teachers and Grade 1 teachers attend all 4 sessions. Grade 2 and 3 teachers may choose to just attend sessions 2, 3, and 4. Learning in the last three sessions will be cumulative.

**Audience:** Grade 1-3 Teachers and Primary Resource Teachers  
**Presenter:** Barb McBride, Reading Recovery Teacher Leader  
**Details:** Thursday & Friday 2011 August 25 & 26,  
Monday & Tuesday, August 29 & 30  
9:00 - 2:00  VSB Education Centre, Room TBA  
Session 1 (Aug. 25) “Observation Survey of Early Literacy Achievement” - Grade 1 and Primary Resource Teachers  
Session 2, 3, and 4 (Aug. 26, 29, 30) “Recording and Analysis of Running Records” - Grades 1-3 Teachers and Primary Resource Teachers  
**Cost:** $50.00 (refunded to VSB teachers if at least 3 sessions are attended). Send cheque (payable to VSB) to: Pat Dymond, Learning Services (via blue bag) by June 29.  
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