- 1. Headaches when reading or doing desk work.
- 2. Car sickness.
- 3. Upset stomach during reading or school work.
- 4. Exhausted after a day at school.
- 5. Complains of blurred vision even though the screenings at the school or pediatrician's office have been normal, or a routine eye examination has been normal.
- 6. When reading, sees the print moving around on the page
- 7. When reading, sees the print run together.
- 8. Complains that the print is too small.
- 9. Sees two of things when only one is there.
- 10. Covers an eye when trying to read.
- 11. Tilts and turns head to side to ignore one eye when reading, writing or watching
- 12. Squints when looking from near to far or from far to near.
- 13. Rubs eyes when reading.
- 14. Holds book too closely; face too close to desk surface.
- 15. Moves closer and further away from book, as if to "focus" it.
- 16. One eye turns in or out.
- 17. Your child had surgery for a crossed eye but still has problems with either school or coordination.
- 18. Very slow at sounding out words even when the "rules" are known; i.e., knows the letter sounds for "c," "a," and "t," but labors to sound out "cat."
- 19. Omits small words.
- 20. Repeats letters or syllables in a word.
- 21. Reads the first letter or two of the word and guesses at the rest.
- 22. Fails to recognize same word in the next line.
- 23. Can read a word that is isolated and large on a flash card, but can't recognize the same word when it's smaller or squeezed into a line of print.
- 24. Confuses likenesses and minor differences, such as substituting "what" for "that."
- 25. Reverses letters or words, such as "b" for "d" or "was" for "saw."
- 26. Needs to use a finger to maintain place when reading.
- 27. Gets lost when trying to sound out words of more than one syllable.
- 28. Reading improves if you use a pickup stick or pen tip to point to the parts of the words for your child, reducing the need for accurate eye control.
- 29. Reads well for a short time then begins to make careless errors.
- 30. Rapidly tires out and loses comprehension when reading.
- 31. Your child can sound out or recognize the words but his comprehension is better when he uses his **ears** to listen to you read than when he uses his **eyes** to read himself.
- 32. Avoids reading whenever possible.
- 33. Reading comprehension is not as good as your child's intelligence would predict.
- 34. Will not attempt books with smaller print.
- 35. Loves to be read to, but will not read himself.
- 36. Enjoys buying books, but never reads them.
- 37. Takes forever to finish a book, even when interested.
- 38. Counts pages before considering a book.
- 39. Your child's reads well, but reading skills don't reflect his/her intelligence and potential.
- 40. Makes errors in copying from desk to paper.

- 41. Copying assignments takes forever.
- 42. Handwriting is off the lines, going "up and down hill."
- 43. When writing, words are poorly spaced.
- 44. Your child is bright and reads well but struggles to get thoughts down on paper.
- 45. In math, misaligns digits or columns.
- 46. Copies words backwards; for example, was for

## a. **saw**.

- 47. Confuses **b**s and **d**s.
- 48. In math, becomes confused if there are too many problems on the same page.
- 49. Can spell out loud but not when having to write the words.
- 50. Makes errors when copying from reference book to notebook.
- 51. Brain moves faster than hands. Your child is bright, but his/her hands are not.
- 52. Leaves out letters or words when copying.
- 53. When writing, can't spell the same words that were known on the spelling test.
- 54. Spells words like they sound rather than correctly.
- 55. Runs into things.
- 56. Stumbles, trips or falls.
- 57. Clumsy. Poor balance.
- 58. Attention much better when using ears to listen than when using eyes to read.
- 59. Attention is good for math (except for story problems) but poor for reading.
- 60. Homework is a battle.
- 61. During reading and homework there comes a point after which it does no good to push any further. Your child "shuts down."
- 62. The longer your child uses eyes for reading or writing, the greater the frustration and fidgeting become.
- 63. Assignments aren't completed in school and have to be brought home.
- 64. Your child can't "stay on task" when reading or writing.
- 65. Has to work to sit in a chair, seems to be constantly readjusting balance.
- 66. Has the same reading struggles whether on or off medication.
- 67. "Attention" problems develop when schoolwork or reading is mentioned. Attention is fine for "hands on" mechanical type activities.
- 68. Your child feels stupid.
- 69. Self-confidence is low, attitude is poor.
- 70. Your child is either worn out or angry when coming home from school.
- 71. Your child's poor eye contact makes others assume your child isn't listening.
- 72. You child is unhappy or withdrawn.
- 73. In school your child is ridiculed by other students or the teacher.
- 74. Your child's frustration in school seems to trigger behavior problems.
- 75. Homework ends up with you angry and your child crying.
- 76. In sports, your child is left sitting on the bench. Your child isn't asked to participate.
- 77. Your child's struggle with schoolwork affects the whole family.
- 78. Your child's school performance could limit future educational and job opportunities.
- 79. Grades are good but your child isn't working up to potential and the whole family feels the frustration.