You Know You Are a Seasoned Reading Recovery Teacher When…

Alissa Pearce, Reading Recovery Teacher, Richardson, Texas

. . . You can tell at least two tricks Dave can do.

. . . You know why the table really broke.
   (And it wasn’t the hippo!)

. . . You could give An Observation Survey of Early Literacy Achievement to your household pet and come up with at least two useful strategies on text. (Scratching doesn’t count.)

. . . You know the sound that Harry the hippo made after he leaned way over and…

. . . You can give two or more unique pronunciations of the words used and human.


. . . You’re sure you could take a running record of someone reading the side of a bus and analyze it in 30 seconds flat.

. . . You nearly cry because a 6-year-old can write his or her name.

. . . Like, the, can, and am are some of the most celebrated words in the English language.

. . . You know how to save birds from an oil spill.

. . . You’ll never be at a loss for words to describe the quills of a porcupine.

. . . You’d like to give whoever created words like laughed, knee, and was a piece of your mind for confounding thousands of first graders.

. . . You know where Roger rested his feet while he was out in the hall with Ham.

. . . You think 6- and 7-year-olds are some of the most fascinating people on earth.