

# A Peek Inside Our First Micronesian Learning Books!



## Inside each book, you and your students will find:

- Bilingual text with local illustrations and content.
- The first steps of reading and math skills critical to success in education.
- Relevant, accessible content for learning CAP - Concepts About Print.
- A supplement to posters, activities, and learning materials FSM teachers already use to teach their curriculum.
- Fun 'matching' format that encourages students to actively practice skills.
- Sturdy cardboard material so young students can use them again and again.

## On the outsides of the books, you will find:

- logos of IREI, the FSM National Department of Education, and your State DOE.

A local initiative to create vernacular bilingual books for youngest Micronesians



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## Counting Book

Every child needs to recognize written and spoken numbers and understand their meaning before they can begin mathematical operations. *Our First Counting Book* is a pre-math textbook, but with an island twist. The linguistic heritage of Micronesia includes the different counting sets in Pohnpeian, Chuukese, Kosraean, and Yapese languages. Each state's book reflects its unique counting systems. Children can practice counting illustrated objects in their own language and English from 1-10.

Illustration: Our First Pohnpeian Counting Book

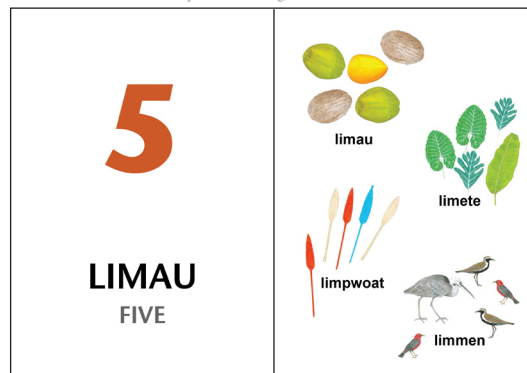
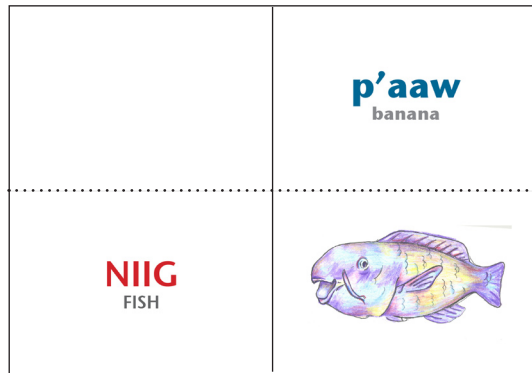


Illustration: Our First Yapese Reading Book



## Reading Book

Reading is THE skill children need in every subject everyday of school (and out of school too!). *Our First Reading Book* is a first language arts book that helps children quickly learn how words and ideas are linked--a start for reading and spelling. The top half of the book flips independently from the bottom half. Children must match a word from the top with the same word and its picture on the bottom. This 'game-in-a-book' makes practicing reading fun, easy, and active. Vernacular words are emphasized, but all pages contain the English words too and follow bilingual education standards.

## Shapes Book

Identifying shapes and recognizing them in objects are math skills needed from the earliest grades on. *Our First Book of Shapes* matches objects from island life with the shapes and forms from geometry. Using the same format as the reading book, children must decide which object on top matches the diagram and bilingual words on the bottom. This pre-geometry book includes 2-D shapes like circle and 3-D forms like round or sphere.

Illustration: Our First Chuukese Book of Shapes

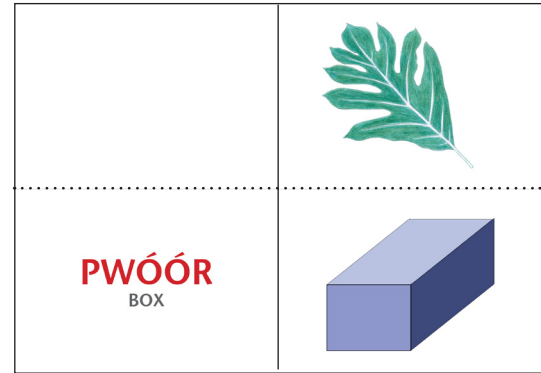
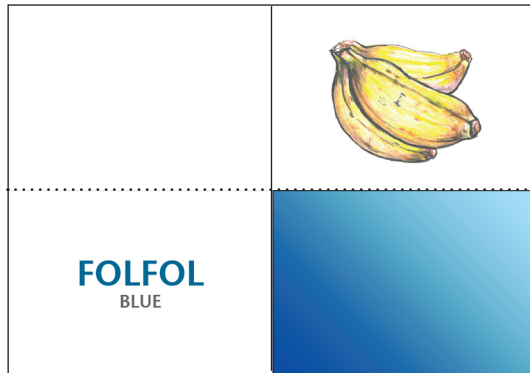


Illustration: Our First Kosraean Book of Colors



## Colors Book

Colors are important descriptive words used early in both vernacular and English Language Arts and Mathematics. *Our First Book of Colors* teaches children the names of colors in their local language and English, but also teaches them to recognize the colors in their lives. As in the reading and shape book, the words and colors on the bottom correspond to objects from children's lives on top. Children decide which objects on top match the colors and bilingual words on the bottom.

## 'True' island books created in Micronesia for Micronesians:

YAP

- 1 Our First Yapese Reading Book
- 2 Our First Yapese Counting Book
- 3 Our First Yapese Book of Shapes
- 4 Our First Yapese Book of Colors

CHUUK

- 5 Our First Chuukese Reading Book
- 6 Our First Chuukese Counting Book
- 7 Our First Chuukese Book of Shapes
- 8 Our First Chuukese Book of Colors

POHNPEI

- 9 Our First Pohnpeian Reading Book
- 10 Our First Pohnpeian Counting Book
- 11 Our First Pohnpeian Book of Shapes
- 12 Our First Pohnpeian Book of Colors

KOSRAE

- 13 Our First Kosraean Reading Book
- 14 Our First Kosraean Counting Book
- 15 Our First Kosraean Book of Shapes
- 16 Our First Kosraean Book of Colors

These 4 books are just starting points both for activities in the classroom and for children's education. IREI and education staff will create ways to use these books in lessons, and suggest activities to expand on the skills and information in the books. Students can move forward in their education with solid basics and love for books!

***Island Research & Education Initiative (IREI)** is a NGO based in Pohnpei. We are a non-profit group that strives to do meaningful research in many fields across the islands of Micronesia and create innovative educational resources tailor-made for Micronesia. Members include Micronesians, Europeans, and Americans -- all volunteers committed to helping Micronesia.*

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