was delivered under the assumption that it would be in the same language as the core reading program.

As expected, the Vaughn, Cirino, et al.. (2006) parallel investigation is very similar to the previous two studies. It has all the strengths of the preceding two studies, discussed above. In addition to those strengths, it also reports clustering scores for all groups. This confirmed that the groups of students were, in fact, independent of one another, which indicates that the use of an ANCOVA was indeed appropriate for this investigation. A significant limitation that was mentioned by the authors was the fact that some of the comparison students actually received additional reading instruction, on top of the core reading program. This may have increased the post-intervention scores of the comparison group, Mathes, P.G., Pollard-Durodola, S. D., Cardenas-Hagan, E., Linan-Thompson, S. & Vaughn, S. (2007). Teaching struggling readers who are

|                         |  | English study<br>by Vaughn,<br>Mathes, et al<br>(2006) | English study<br>by Vaughn,<br>Cirino, et al.<br>(2006) | Spanish study<br>by Vaughn,<br>Linan-<br>Thompson, et<br>al. (2006) | Spanish study<br>by Vaughn,<br>Cirino, et al.<br>(2006) |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| Letter Naming           | Letter-name<br>identification<br>Rapid letter naming   |  |   |   |   |
| Phonological processing | Letter-sound<br>identification<br>Phonological<br>awareness composite<br>Nonword repetition  |  |   |   |   |
| Language Related        | Listening<br>comprehension<br>Picture vocabulary<br>Verbal analogies<br>Oral language<br>composite   |  |   |   |   |
| Reading/Writing         | composite   Letter-word   identification   Word attack   Dictation   Passage   comprehension   Word reading   efficiency   DIBELS BOY <sup>1</sup> DIBELS EOY <sup>2</sup> |  |   |   |   |

## Appendix A: Summary of outcome measures across the four studies.

Note: Shaded areas indicate that after the intervention, the experimental group results were significantly higher than the comparison group on that outcome measure. Slashes indicate that the particular outcome measure was not used in that study.

<sup>1</sup>Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills Beginning of Year Story

<sup>2</sup>Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills End of Year Story