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Overview

CISNC Introduction

In the 2014-2015 school-year, Communities In Schools of North Carolina (CISNC) introduced a framework that aligns site and student metrics and interventions and supports to four areas that have been shown to have the greatest impact on student success: attendance, behavior, coursework, and parent involvement, or ABC+P. Both combined and individually, attendance, behavior, and coursework are among the best predictors of a student's academic success and on-time graduation. While collecting data around ABC+P is critically important to understanding the school and student, it is even more important to use the data to drive high impact intervention and support delivery to empower each student to reach their full potential. To this end, Communities In Schools of North Carolina has partnered with the SERVE Center at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to design curricula specifically for CIS within the ABC+P framework to enhance student outcomes in school and success in life. This document is one of more than 50 modules developed to support local CIS staff and most importantly the students that are served. We encourage you to explore all of the modules available online at www.cisnc.org.

Using Evidenced-Based Strategies

There are a multitude of strategies that claim to address coursework, but there are few that actually do so for all students. We suggest that schools use an evidence-based, decision-making model to ensure that high quality information informs the decisions made.

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) at the U.S. Department of Education defines evidence-based decision making as routinely seeking out the best available information on prior research and recent evaluation findings before adopting programs or practices that will demand extensive material or human resources (including both funding and teacher time) and/or affect significant numbers of students (Whitehurst, 2004).

Evidence-based practice means delivering interventions and supports to students (clients) in ways that integrate the best available evidence from data, research, and evaluation; professional wisdom gained from experience; and contextual knowledge of the particular classroom, school, district, or state that might impact the design or implementation.

This document is written to provide schools with coursework strategies based on the best evidence from prior research and recent evaluations in elementary schools. In the context of our review, we propose four strategies designed to help improve coursework:

- Coursework – EOG Prep strategy
- Coursework – Literacy strategies (2)
- Coursework – STEM strategy

This document will focus on one easy to implement literacy strategy for elementary schools.

Problem/Rationale

The Common Core State Standards for elementary and secondary education have been implemented to ensure that students are college and career ready for a globally competitive society upon high school graduation. Sadly, more than 40% of students are leaving high school without being college and career ready (Achieve, 2012). As a result, States have set requirements for English language arts as well as literacy in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects (otherwise referred to as reading across the curriculum). Literacy allows learners to employ their knowledge and past experiences, confidence, identity, and motivation to develop their reading skills in relevant ways, while learning about the world around them.

The development of strong literacy skills requires explicit instruction and extensive practice in reading, writing, listening, thinking, and speaking across the curriculum. Nationally, 65% of elementary students are not demonstrating mastery of these critical skills (National Center for Education Statistics, 2013). In other words, millions of children in the United States cannot comprehend or evaluate text, reference related points, or support conclusions about the text. Students who are not reading at grade level by third grade are four times less likely to graduate on time from high school compared to those students reading proficiently at third grade (Hernandez, 2011). Without a high school education, students will only be qualified for 10% of available jobs (Achieve, 2012).

Kamil and colleagues (2008) suggest the following effective classroom and intervention practices:

- 1) Provide explicit vocabulary instruction.
- 2) Provide direct and explicit comprehension strategy instruction.
- 3) Provide opportunities for extended discussion of text meaning and interpretation.
- 4) Increase student motivation and engagement in literacy learning.
- 5) Make available intensive and individualized interventions for struggling readers that can be provided by trained specialists.

Furthermore, comprehensive classroom and school-wide literacy strategies should focus on content-learning goals rather than performance goals of scoring; allow students the freedom to choose the texts they read, the assignment they perform with the texts or their partners during instruction; employ social goals or cooperative-learning structures in reading activities; and promote the perception that the teacher understands them and cares about their progress (Guthrie et al., 2006).

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to focus on one easy to implement literacy strategy that can be used in elementary schools. Teachers can develop students' literacy through:

- A stimulating activity to develop reading comprehension, vocabulary and independent learning in specific subject areas.
- Additional strategies to develop literacy.
- Tools and resources to share with families.

Implementation Plan

Uses

Teachers can use the information provided in this guide to develop literacy skills in elementary students.

Audiences

The primary audience for this lesson is elementary students in grades 3-5.

Activities

Listed below are several activities that schools can implement to develop literacy skills in students. The highlighted activity is designed to develop reading comprehension, vocabulary and independent learning across the curriculum among elementary students.

Classroom

- Small group discussions (e.g., literacy circles, reading groups, etc.).
- Silent and read-aloud reading time.
- **Stimulating, hands-on activities related to content material.**
- Enrichment programs for proficient or advanced readers.
- Family engagement activities at-home and in-school (e.g., classroom volunteers).

School-wide

- Use evidenced-based decision-making.
 - Guide instruction and allocate instructional resources.
 - Refer to curriculum guide on monitoring data.
- Provide leadership for effective classroom instruction.
 - Literacy plan.
 - Literacy block scheduling.
 - Reading leadership teams.
 - Administrative oversight.
- Provide supplemental materials and technology (e.g., trade books).
- Maintain an up-to-date, technologically advanced school library.
- Use integrated approaches that incorporate reading and language arts instruction into content area instruction such as science or social studies.
- Individualized professional learning opportunities for staff (e.g., reading specialists, instructional staff, librarians, etc.).

- Cooperative learning (e.g., success for one based on success for all).
- Partner with PTA (e.g., volunteers).
- Partner with local college/university, etc. (e.g., tutoring, mentors, professional development, etc.).
- Reading and literacy coaches.
- Interdisciplinary teams.
- Literacy emphasis week/month.
- Institute summer reading challenges, Read-a-thons, etc.
- Provide book clubs, incentives, rewards, recognitions to motivate reading.

Materials/Equipment/Space

- Supplemental subject materials (e.g., books, magazines, electronic resources, etc.)

Note: For presentations, check for access to computer, Smartboard or data projector and screen, relevant power cords, and remote slide advancer.

Time

- Approximately 20-30 minutes daily for 1-2 weeks.

Lesson Plan of Activity

Use the sample lesson with students to develop students’ literacy skills. The lesson plan includes:

- An assignment that develops research, reading, writing, comprehension and oral communication skills, as well as reading fluency.
- Hands-on activity to motivate long-term interests in core subject and promote additional exposure.
- Integration of texts with prior knowledge and experience.
- Family engagement in student literacy development.

This lesson can be used as a group or individual student activity and at several times throughout the school year to enhance and/or reinforce curriculum content, while building literacy skills.

Review the resources listed in the Resources section. See *Family Engagement – Literacy curriculum*.

Sample Lesson – *If You Want to Be Like...*

Activity	Process Notes
Assign the project. - Goal of the project is to research, test and	Give examples of strategy: - <i>LeBron James is known in basketball for his ability</i>



Activity	Process Notes
<p>present a strategy that makes a famous individual in a particular field excellent (i.e., considered one of the best in sports, acting, science, technology, etc.)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allow two weeks for project completion. - Provide guidelines and a rubric for grading. - Allow daily class time to work on project (e.g., 30 minutes per day) independently or to connect with the teacher for additional help. - Break the assignment into parts. 	<p><i>to pass the ball. Why is passing the ball so important? Does LeBron work on developing this skill on purpose? Why? What does he do specifically? How would not passing the ball affect the game of basketball? Does the ball need to be passed in a certain way? How can you test this strategy and prove that it can actually work for anyone who wants to be good at basketball? Etc.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide examples for other subject areas. - Connect to key themes in the curriculum. <p><i>Make class computer or iPads available for internet searches during class project work time. Allow students to arrive early to work on projects. Consider struggling students or students who may not have access to a computer at home or access to a library.</i></p> <p><i>Communicate the value of the project to the student's grade. Inform about consequences for not doing the assignment.</i></p> <p><i>To engage the students in a fun and meaningful way, as well as to assess student's learning and skill development, have students submit mini-assignments.</i></p>
<p>Choose a topic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tell students that they will be working on a project based on their interest in class and at home. - State that there are three categories to choose from: sports, science, and the arts (e.g., music, acting, dancing, etc.) - Approve student topic. - Send home notification to families about the project with grading rubric and require signed acknowledgement. 	<p><i>Provide examples of sub-topics that students can choose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Famous musicians, dancers, actors, sports heroes, inventors (includes technology), etc. <p><i>Use family notification as a means to highlight importance of literacy development across the curriculum as well as family engagement in literacy development. For example, the project will motivate and strengthen the student's reading skills, including comprehension and vocabulary as well as add to their prior knowledge and experience.</i></p>
<p>Research the topic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide guidelines to help students research their topic. For example, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose a topic that you enjoy or want to learn more about. • Use a minimum of three (3) different kinds of materials (e.g., books, newspaper or magazine articles, interview transcript, etc.). • Take notes from each source on an index card. Do not plagiarize (copy sentences exactly as they are written without using quotation marks and/or not giving credit to the source for the information). • Keep track of all the sources that you use. 	<p><i>See Elementary Research Writing (Retrieve from http://www.kn.att.com/wired/fil/pages/list4thgradcl.html)</i></p> <p><i>Encourage students to look at different kinds of materials to increase their exposure to and understanding of research sources.</i></p> <p><i>If possible, provide some in class resources (e.g., classroom library for in class work time) or partner with school librarian to focus scheduled weekly library time on project research.</i></p> <p><i>As an assessment tool, have students keep a log of</i></p>

Activity	Process Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Begin research on the top individuals in the field and draw conclusions about what makes them great. - Allow class time for students to discuss some of their key findings from their research. 	<p><i>how much time they spent researching (i.e., reading about) the topic. The logs can be used at the end of the project (or several projects) to compare student-level results (e.g., quality of project, subject knowledge, vocabulary, etc.) from start to finish based on amount of time invested.</i></p>
<p>Choose the strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have students choose a strategy and describe how they will test the strategy? - This can be a written assignment requiring students to write a brief summary of their research finding about the strategy and list each step of the experiment that they plan to undertake. - Check for appropriate subject vocabulary and understanding of subject matter. 	<p><i>The timing of this portion of the assignment may coincide with lessons on how to conduct an experiment.</i></p> <p><i>Review student outlines to determine feasibility of the experiment as well as safety.</i></p>
<p>Conduct the experiment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allow class time for students to share and receive feedback from their classmates about how to test the strategy. - Assign a due date for when the experiment should be completed. 	<p><i>Continuing with the basketball example, a student may choose to arrange a basketball game with his friends and play one round incorporating what s/he learned about passing and one game without. Classmates may volunteer to be part of the experiment during recess.</i></p>
<p>Report the results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit a written assignment. - Allow students to give a brief presentation on their project. - Give guidelines for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of presentation. • Format (e.g., visual aids, etc.). • Presenting results. 	<p><i>Consider ways to assess student's literacy growth resulting from project:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Quality (content) of written assignment and oral presentation.</i> - <i>Level of student interest/engagement.</i> - <i>Quality/quantity of materials used (e.g., challenging, various types, etc.).</i> - <i>Amount of teacher support required/requested by student for understanding concepts, subject vocabulary, etc.</i> - <i>General observations of students working on or discussing projects outside of allotted class time.</i> - <i>Student logs.</i>

Tier 2 Intervention and Support Examples

Intervention strategies for struggling readers include integrated instruction and peer assisted learning to build comprehension, vocabulary and fluency.

Example 1: Reading and Integrated Literacy Strategies (RAILS)

The Reading and Integrated Literacy Strategies (RAILS) program provided integrated instruction in word reading, vocabulary development, and comprehension to students in regular and self-contained special education classes. Teachers provided explicit instruction in the alphabetic principle, phonemic analysis, word reading, vocabulary development, listening comprehension, and reading comprehension. Comparison teachers used traditional reading instruction methods with the district-adopted reading series.

Stevens, R. J., Van Meter, P. N., Garner, J., Warcholak, N., Bochna, C., & Hall, T. (2008). Reading and integrated literacy strategies (RAILS): An integrated approach to early reading. *Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk (JESPAR)*, 13(4), 357-380.

Example 2: Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies

First grade peer-assisted learning strategies (PALS) were conducted in three 35-minute sessions per week for 16 weeks. Students conducted two 15 minute routines in pairs; within each pair there was a stronger reader and a weaker reader. In each session, each child performed both roles for part of the time. Teachers conducted TDI lessons with four or five participating low-achieving students 3 times per week for 30 minutes each session.

Mathes, P. G., Torgesen, J. K., Clancy-Menchetti, J., Santi, K., Nicholas, K., Robinson, C., & Grek, M. (2003). A comparison of teacher-directed versus peer-assisted instruction to struggling first-grade readers. *The Elementary School Journal*, 103(5), 459-479.

Resources

The following resources are identified as part of the activity. Read through these resources carefully to become familiar with any concepts and instructions as they pertain to the content and activity.

Developing Rubrics

Edutopia. Resources for Using Rubrics in the Middle Grades.

<http://www.edutopia.org/rubrics-middle-school-resources>

Kathy Schrock's Guide to Everything. Assessment and Rubrics.

<http://www.schrockguide.net/assessment-and-rubrics.html>

Buck Institute for Education (BIE). 6-8 Presentation Rubric (CCSS Aligned).

http://bie.org/object/document/6_8_presentation_rubric_ccss_aligned

Elementary Research Writing

<http://www.kn.att.com/wired/fil/pages/list4thgradcl.html>

The following resources will provide additional information and suggestions for enhancing activities related to family engagement and using data for decision-making. Read through the resources carefully to become familiar with the information, any concepts and instructions as they may pertain to the content and the extension of activities, and to determine their level of usefulness within the school setting.

Education Commission of the States

The Partnership for Reading is a collaborative effort by three federal agencies—the National Institute for Literacy (NIFL), the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the U.S. Department of Education—to bring the findings of evidence-based reading research to the education community, families and others with an interest in helping all people learn to read well. This site provides information on research, principles about reading instruction suggested by the research, and products for parents, teachers, administrators and policymakers.

<http://www.ecs.org/>

Education World – <http://www.educationworld.com/>

LitTips: 12 Practical Tips to Improve Literacy!

http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/curr130.shtml

EngageNY

EngageNY.org is dedicated to providing educators across New York State with real-time, professional learning tools and resources to support educators in reaching the State's vision for a college and career ready education for all students.

<https://www.engageny.org/>

Florida Center for Reading Research @ Florida State University – <http://fcrr.org/>
Teaching All Students to Read in Elementary School: A Guide for Principals
<http://www.fcrr.org/Interventions/pdf/Principals%20Guide-Elementary.pdf>

Harvard Family Research Project – <http://www.hfrp.org/>
Engaging Families in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Project-
Based Learning
<http://www.hfrp.org/out-of-school-time/publications-resources/engaging-families-in-science-technology-engineering-and-math-stem-project-based-learning>

Institute of PLAY – <http://www.instituteofplay.org>
Creates learning experiences rooted in the principles of game design which support teachers and other learning leaders in making learning irresistible.
<http://www.instituteofplay.org/resources-for-quest-parents/>

Kamil, M. L., Borman, G. D., Dole, J., Kral, C. C., Salinger, T., and Torgesen, J. (2008).
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MDRC – <http://www.mdrc.org/>
Mobilizing Volunteer Tutors to Improve Student Literacy
http://www.mdrc.org/sites/default/files/ReadingPartners_2015_FR.pdf

National Council of Teachers of English
NCTE is devoted to improving the teaching and learning of English and the language arts at all levels of education.
<http://www.ncte.org/>

National Institute for Literacy – <http://lincs.ed.gov/>
Put Reading First: The Research Building Blocks for Teaching Children to Read (Teacher’s Guide)
http://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/prf_k-3/Documents/PRFbooklet.pdf
Put Reading First: Helping Your Child Learn to Read
<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/Documents/PRFbrochure.pdf>

National Network for Partnership Schools @ Johns Hopkins University
NNPS invites schools, districts, states and organizations to join together and use research-based approaches to organize and sustain excellent programs for family and community involvement that will increase student success in school.
<http://www.csos.jhu.edu/p2000/>

NC Read to Achieve LiveBinder

<http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=850102>

Public Schools of North Carolina-Department of Public Instruction

NC Standard Course of Study for K-12 English Language Arts

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/curriculum/languagearts/scos/ncscs-ela.pdf>

ReadWriteThink.org

Offers free reading and language arts activities collected by the International Reading Association and the National Council of Teachers of English.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/>

Scholastic – <http://www.scholastic.com>

Promotes literacy with books for kids of all ages and reading levels.

Kids & Family Reading Report

<http://www.scholastic.com/readingreport/Scholastic-KidsAndFamilyReadingReport-5thEdition.pdf?v=100>

School Improvement Network – <http://www.schoolimprovement.com/>

Video: Elementary Literacy Strategies

<http://www.schoolimprovement.com/literacy-strategies-elementary-video-for-nov-14/>

SEDL (American Institutes for Research) – <http://www.sedl.org/>

The Center links people with research-based information and resources that they can use to effectively connect schools, families, and communities.

The SEDL National Center for Families and Community Connections with Schools

<http://www.sedl.org/connections/>

The Nation's Report Card

<http://www.nationsreportcard.gov/>

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Measuring Success

Identifying outcomes and collecting data to measure the success of literacy strategies can help the school track quality of implementation as well as the effectiveness of these strategies. Following are some suggestions that schools may find useful to begin measuring success.

- Use pre and posttests as well to assess students':
 - General reading comprehension.
 - Subject vocabulary.
 - Subject understanding.
 - Subject writing.
 - Reading motivation.
 - Interest-based reading level.
- Teacher assessment of student's overall improvement.
- Teacher self-reports of program implementation and effectiveness.
- Range of materials used for literacy instruction.
 - Basal textbooks, trade books, magazines, internet sources, etc.
- Amount of time spent on subject/vocabulary instruction.
- Professional development sessions on literacy instruction (e.g., strategy instruction, etc.).

Appendices

A. Glossary

B. References

C. Research Alignment

Appendix A: Glossary

Family engagement: a shared responsibility between families, schools and communities for the educational development of children, from birth through adolescence, operating across the various settings where children grow and learn (Harvard Family Research Project, 2010).

Plagiarism: copying (stealing) someone else’s ideas or thoughts without giving proper credit to the source.

Proficient reading level: “Eighth-grade students performing at the Proficient level should be able to provide relevant information and summarize main ideas and themes. They should be able to make and support inferences about a text, connect parts of a text, and analyze text features. Students performing at this level should also be able to fully substantiate judgments about content and presentation of content” (NC Public Schools, n.d.).

Research: investigating or studying a topic using books, articles, the Internet, and other sources to establish facts or arrive at new conclusions. Research is also testing predictions or hypotheses through experiments.

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Appendix C: Research Alignment

Citation	Brief Summary of Strategy	Sample Size	Impact/Evidence of Effectiveness	Implementation
Center, Y., Freeman, L., Robertson, G., & Outhred, L. (1999). The effect of visual imagery training on the reading and listening comprehension of low listening comprehenders in year 2. <i>Journal of Research in Reading</i> , 22(3), 241-256.	To examine the effectiveness of a representational visual imagery training program on the reading and listening comprehension of a group of poor listening comprehenders.	Total of 66 students; each member of a matched pair was randomly chosen to be in the experimental group (listening comprehension instruction with visual imagery training) or the control group (listening comprehension instruction without visual imagery).	The experimental students significantly outperformed the control students on the Byrne listening comprehension test, $F(1,59) = 6, p = .018$; the experimental group also did better on the Neale Reading Comprehension test, $F(1, 59) = 4.66, p = .035$. The experimental group improved by 12 months, from a reading age of 7 years 1 month to a reading age of 8 years 1 month, while the control group improved by 8.5 months, from a reading age of 7 years 0 months to 7 years 8.5 months.	All four listening comprehension components were taught to both groups while visual imagery training during the comprehension lesson was restricted to the experimental groups.
Cervetti, G. N., Barber, J.,	Teachers either taught	94 4 th grade teachers	Average scores on the	Treatment



Citation	Brief Summary of Strategy	Sample Size	Impact/Evidence of Effectiveness	Implementation
<p>Dorph, R., Pearson, P. D., & Goldschmidt, P. G. (2012). The impact of an integrated approach to science and literacy in elementary school classrooms. <i>Journal of Research in Science Teaching</i>, 49(5), 631-658.</p>	<p>an integrated science-literacy unit on light and energy or taught a content-comparable science-only unit on light and energy and provided their regular literacy instruction.</p>	<p>(60 in Fall of 2007, 34 in Spring 2008).</p>	<p>science vocabulary, reading and science tests were higher on the post-test than on the pretest in both the comparison and treatment classrooms. When treatment effects were examined, model 1 results suggested that treatment classrooms scores about 1.5 points higher on the science understanding post-test, which has an effect size of about 0.65. Model 3 indicated that students in the treatment condition scored significantly higher than students in the comparison condition on the science vocabulary measure at post-test; the effect size was about 0.23. Model 5</p>	<p>Intervention: The intervention was designed to engage students in reading, conducting firsthand investigations, discussing and writing in the interest of developing their understandings about light, light interactions and light as energy. Teachers in the treatment group were given integrated science-literacy materials on the topic of light. The treatment unit was 40 sessions in length, made up of 4 investigations – each with 10 sessions. Sessions were designed to be taught in 45-60 minutes.</p> <p>Comparison Group Intervention: Teachers presented content of their state science</p>



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			<p>suggested that for reading comprehension, treatment and comparison students did equally well on the post-test. Overall, the results show promising trends on science and literacy outcomes suggesting that integrated approaches benefit student science learning outcomes and student literacy development.</p>	<p>standards related to the topic of light, using regular curriculum materials for the same amount of time each week and for the same duration.</p>
<p>Guthrie, J. T., Wigfield, A., Humenick, N. M., Perencevich, K. C., Taboada, A., & Barbosa, P. (2006). Influences of stimulating tasks on reading motivation and comprehension. <i>The Journal of Educational Research</i>, 99(4), 232-246.</p>	<p>To assess whether stimulating reading tasks influenced reading comprehension scores and whether stimulating reading tasks influenced reading motivation scores. Students were placed in two groups:</p>	<p>98 students in 3rd grade.</p>	<p>The average reading comprehension post-test score for the low stimulating task group was 467.51, and the mean for the high stimulating task group was 495.75, with an effect size of .71, $F_{\text{change}}(1, 72) = 5.56, p < .02$. After examining</p>	<p>All four classrooms participated in an intervention intended to increase reading comprehension. Also, two teachers presented a high number of stimulating tasks (in the form of hands on interactions) related to reading and two</p>



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	high stimulating tasks and low stimulating tasks.		the number of stimulating tasks at the individual level it was found that the number of stimulating tasks accounted for 27% of the variance in reading comprehension after accounting for the students' pretest comprehension. The average reading motivation score for the high stimulating tasks group was 8.72 while the average reading motivation score for the low stimulating tasks group was 7.17, with an effect size of .71. The number of stimulating tasks accounted for 22% of the variance in students' reading motivation.	teachers presented a low number of stimulating reading tasks.
Keehn, S. (2003). The	Examined the	Four 2 nd grade	Using pre- and post-	Readers Theater took

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<p>effect of instruction and practice through readers theatre on young readers' oral reading fluency. <i>Reading Research and Instruction</i>, 42(4), 40-61.</p>	<p>difference in treatment effect when Readers Theater, an interpretative activity in which students repeatedly read a script based on a story in preparation for an oral reading performance, was implemented in two ways as an instructional intervention to promote oral reading fluency in 2nd grade classrooms.</p>	<p>classrooms were selected at random; a total of 66 students participated.</p>	<p>test mean scores, results indicated that students in both treatment groups made statistically significant growth in oral reading fluency during the 9 week intervention. There was no significant difference in growth between the two treatments. Using paired t-tests, the low ability group made significant gains on all measures except accuracy, the average-ability groups made significant gains on all measures except rate, and the high ability group made significant growth in five areas (retelling, phrasing, expressiveness, Gray Oral Reading Tests and QRI identification</p>	<p>place over 9 weeks during the 3rd quarter of the school year. Students in all 4 classrooms received the Readers Theater intervention. Two of the four were randomly chosen to receive implementation of Readers Theater repertory groups plus instruction via weekly mini-lessons and daily coaching in strategies intended to increase oral reading fluency (treatment 1) and two of the four were randomly chose to receive only the Readers Theater repertory groups (treatment 2).</p>



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