EDUC 403 - Individualized Reading Instruction in the Elementary Grades, Winter 2008

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ED 403
Week 5
Agenda

- Book Talk
- Video viewing activity
- Problems of Practice
- *Out of the Dust* activity
- Teaching for fluency
- Teaching English language learners
- Continuing your development as a writer and teacher of writing
Out of the Dust activity

Sharing writing: “It was all about forgiveness.”

Using the novel to teach children how to interpret and learn from text
We need to teach for fluency
What are the signs of a fluent reader?

• Quick word recognition
• Accurate word recognition
• Reading aloud with appropriate use of prosody (intonation, emphasis, phrasing)
• Comprehension
Most useful approaches to teaching for fluency

Assisted reading
- Teacher models reading aloud of instructional level text
- Echo reading of that text
- Independent work (such as writing a response to the text)
- Choral reading
- Partner reading
- Bringing the text home to read to family members
Teaching students who are ELL

- Some terms:
  - ELL: English language learners
  - LEP: Limited English proficient
  - ESL: English as a second language

- Features of effective programs
  - Maintain high standards and use high-quality teaching
  - Develop high levels of literacy
  - Consider students’ language, culture, and experiences as valuable sources of knowledge
  - Innovative programs that integrate students and make the entire community responsible for them
Teaching ELL

- Literacy in the native language is the most stable predictor of English literacy
- Good reason to support reading in both first and second languages
  - Free reading in the first language may mean more reading; hence, more literacy development in the second language
“If language minority children arrive at school with no proficiency in English but speaking a language for which there are instructional guides, learning materials, and locally available proficient teachers, these children should be taught to read in their native language while acquiring proficiency in spoken English and then subsequently taught to extend their skills to reading in English.”
Quality ELL programs

- Provide a rich language and highly interactive learning environment
- Use grade level content for language development and literacy
- Use authentic literature
- Integrate multiple teaching strategies
- Focus on building academic language proficiency, not just basic interpersonal communication skills
- Develop language in context
- Hands-on, guided inquiry, interactive learning opportunities
- Validate and affirm students’ cultural identity
# Context and Cognitive Demand: Cummins Matrix

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<td>Easiest: art, music, P.E.. Following simple direction, individual conversation</td>
<td>Demonstrations Audio-visual Science experiments Social studies projects</td>
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<td>Telephone conversation Written directions</td>
<td>Reading a textbook Explanation of new, abstract concepts, lecture with few illustrations, math concepts</td>
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Sheltered English Observation Protocol (SIOP)

- What is it?
- What does it look like?
- Discussion regarding lingering questions