The Benefits of a Reading Clinic

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The Benefits of a Reading Clinic as an Undergraduate Student

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About My Student

Language: English Language Learner
Grade: 1st
Reading Level: F&P Pre-A
Letter Recognition - Uppercase and Lowercase Naming: 52/52 with 3 self-corrections
Phonological Awareness - Initial Sounds: Proficient
Sight Word Recognition - Beginning Word List: 7/20
Oral Language Assessment: 23/42

Lesson Planning

Time: 30 minutes (11:30am-12:00pm T,TH)
Lesson plan goals:
  • Create a routine
  • Promote active engagement
  • Establish a love of reading through student interest

Strategies:
  • Story books
  • Interactive readings
  • Repeated readings
  • Poems
  • Ongoing sight word wall
  • Sentence strips

Benefits of a Reading Clinic

A reading clinic provides teacher candidates with the opportunity to:
  • Try new things without the fear of failing
  • Discover teaching habits
  • Draw conclusions on the strategies tested
  • Explore new strategies
  • Practice using student data to create best fit lessons
  • Become more familiar with the challenges of guided reading (organization, time, material availability, student management)
  • Have more experience working with struggling readers and feel comfortable and confident in helping them

Take-Aways

• The effectiveness of a strategy varies depending on the student
• It is important for students to build confidence in literacy
• Encouraging students and showing them that you believe in them increases their self-esteem
• Building stamina is essential for literacy development
• Knowing the students’ point of exhaustion is important so they are not pushed too far and no longer enjoy reading
• Providing breaks or time to relax allows students to rejuvenate
• Giving students the option to sit where they would like during independent reading increases engagement
• Building respect and rapport with the students makes them feel more comfortable when making mistakes allowing for more information about their literacy habits to be known
• Using the interest of the students increases their engagement and enjoyment resulting in more meaningful literacy practice

Resources

Augustana Resource Room
  • Emergent reader story books
  • Big books
  • Leveled texts

Perfect Poems with Strategies for Building Fluency

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