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Reading & Writing Genre

with Purpose in a K-8 Classroom

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Reading and Writing in a World of Varied Texts



Sharing and Making Meaning of Experience

Narrative reading and writing with purpose

- going beyond “My Summer Vacation”
- setting a meaningful context for work
- selecting variety of narrative texts that go beyond fictional narratives
- teach narrative text characteristics and detailed description
- teaching genre specific strategies to even young learners shown to increase writing detail and reading comprehension

Learning How and Teaching Others

A three-step process for reading and writing procedural texts

1. Identify a need or problem
2. Identify a solution that involves teaching others
3. Use a procedural text to help achieve the solution



Developing and Communicating Expertise

Teaching Informational Text With a Purpose

- Design compelling, communicatively meaningful environments
- Provide exposure and experience
- Explicitly teach genre features
- Explicitly teach genre-specific or genre-sensitive strategies
- Offer ongoing coaching and feedback

Exploring Meaning Through Performance

Rosseketeer's Reading Restaurant presented April 23rd- Each student was a chef and shared their menu. Goal- improve reading fluency!

Appetizer- favorite poem

Main Course- goal book

Dessert- Storybird.com- a book they wrote from photos they picked.



Effecting Change: Persuasive Genres

- Caffeine Wars (Grade 5)
- Trading strict structures for Authenticity
- Think outside the box: TV commercials, editorials, blogs, proposals, etc...
- Goal: to effect change
- Book Reviews: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/swyar/> <http://www.spaghattibookclub.org>
- Big Idea: Must have an AUDIENCE in mind and a COMPELLING need

Project Planning



Mr. Holmes



About the Author

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Mr. Holmes is the best gym teacher here at Voyager Elementary. He helps kids be good sports. He enjoys movies. He wants to see kids more. Mrs. Holmes is his wife. She teaches 1st grade here at Voyager. He has 2 sons, Braden and Blake. They like hunting like their dad. One time Mr. Holmes fell out of a tree and broke his back. The Doctors had to put nails and hooks in his back. That is why Mr. Holmes believes in exercise. Mr. Holmes helps kids be great sports and helps kids be in good health.

Eagles Swoop Down For Prey!

By Scarlett

Eagles eat mice and
fish. They swoop down and
claw the fish in the
stomach.



Eagles swoop
down for prey.

An eagle is a bird.

Eagles have a white head,
a brown body, a yellow
beak and yellow feet.

Nest To Sky

Eagles build their

nest in trees. Eagles nest

are made of twigs and grass.

Eagles get out of
the nest to get food.
The baby's stay in
the nest. The mother or
father teaches the baby's
to fly. The habitat
eagles live in is the wood-
land.