

# Curriculum Connection

10/24/11

## Balanced Literacy

A balanced literacy program regularly provides several kinds of reading and writing.

### This week's focus: Guided Reading

- Reading for Meaning

**Before the lesson:** (Optional ) 3-5 min.

- Teacher progress monitors or confers with individual student, may occur here or elsewhere in lesson
- Students reread text from previous GR lesson
- Other observations

**Before reading:** 2-3 minutes

- Teacher gives brief overview introduction of book
- Teacher may lead a picture walk. (Students do most of the talking and not every picture is viewed/discussed.)
  - Meaning – background knowledge, connections and student predictions
  - Structure – language patterns and genre features
  - Visual – 2-3 words/concepts students need support recognizing or understanding
- Teacher identifies lesson focus. (Reading Strategy or Comprehension Strategy)

Early Reading StrategiesComprehension Strategies

### Resources for support:

Guided Reading, Good First Teaching for All Children, Fountas & Pinnell, pp. 21 – 42, pp. 135 – 148.

Guiding Readers and Writers: Grades 3 – 6, Fountas & Pinnell, pp. 40 – 49, 190 – 222.

The Continuum of Literacy Learning – GK-8, Fountas & Pinnell, pp. 223 - 343

## Parent Letters

Parent letters are available for both DIBELS and SRI. These are great tools to use during Parent/Teacher conferences.

## K-G2 Collaboration Topics

- RtI students
- DIBELS Data
- Guided Reading Groups
- progress monitoring

## Important Dates

ACUITY #1 (G3-8)	10/12 – 11/02
ACUITY – Algebra 1 (G7 – 12)	11/7 – 11/21
End of Course Assess (G7 – 12)	10/17 – 12/21
SRI Benchmark (G6–12)	November (TBA)
Treasures Assessments (G1-6)	Weekly

## Technology

**Early Literacy-** When you go into the App store do a search for **Lakeshore Learning**. There are 3 apps that will come up...they are all about sounds and letters.

### Anchor Paper Websites –

[http://thetraits.org/scoring\\_examples.php](http://thetraits.org/scoring_examples.php)

<http://www.eduplace.com/rdg/hme/> GK-5, G6-8

<http://www.cyberspaces.net/6traits/anchor.html> GK-2

<http://www.thewritesource.com/models.htm>

## Learning Connection

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## G3-G8 Collaboration Topics

- RtI students
- ACUITY matrix reports
- Guided Reading Groups –progress monitoring