

# Curriculum Connection

12/19/11

## Important Dates

ISTEP+ Stress Test	1/13 10am - noon
DIBELS and TRC- MoY (K – G5)	1/9/12 – 2/3/12
ACUITY (G6 – G8)	1/9/12 – 1/30/12
District Writing Prompt (give)	Beginning of January

## Comprehension

Real comprehension has to do with thinking, learning, and expanding a reader's knowledge and horizons.

1. Create mental images
2. Use background knowledge
3. Ask questions
4. Make inferences
5. Determine the most important ideas and themes
6. Synthesize information
7. Use "fix up" strategies

### This week's focus: Determine the most important ideas

This focuses on two skills: the ability to distinguish what's important in text and the ability to synthesize it, or determine the overall meaning and significance.

Knowing your purpose in reading helps determine what's important. You might read to laugh, to learn, to pursue passions, to answer gnawing questions, to get ready for a presentation, or to finish a homework assignment.

### Activities for teaching:

- ✓ **Concrete experience: Purses, briefcase, or book bag**
  - Invite students to look at the contents. Let them know that you are going on an exercise walk. What is most important to take? Let students discuss. After sharing discuss decision for each item.
- ✓ **Sensory Experience: canned vegetable, strainer, and bowl**
  - It is hard to hold all the contents of a book
  - Not all the contents are important
  - Pour the contents of the can of vegetables into the strainer and let the juice drain into the bowl
  - The strainer represents your brain and what is caught represents the important info.

## Math Adoption Training

K – 2 January 18 - 4:00 – 5:15 Park Hill SDR  
G3 – G5 January 19 - 4:00 – 5:15 Park Hill SDR  
Sign up online after December 19, 2011

## Technology

Comprehension posters

[https://learningconnection.doe.in.gov/Library/FilingCabinet/ViewFile.aspx?lfid=14030](https://learningconnection.doe.in.gov/Library/Filing Cabinet/ViewFile.aspx?lfid=14030)

<http://www.liberty.k12.ga.us/jwalts/comp%20strategies%20chart.pdf>

### What is tested in March on ISTEP+?

This is a friendly reminder that ISTEP+ Grades 3-8 consists of an Applied Skills section administered in March and a Multiple-Choice section administered in late April and early May. Review the links below for details regarding standards assessed on both sections.

#### English/Language Arts

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/docs/ELA-Grades3-5.pdf>

#### Mathematics

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/docs/Math-Grades6-8.pdf>

#### Science

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/docs/Science-Grades4-6.pdf>

#### Social Studies

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/docs/SS-Grades5-7.pdf>



## Science Adoption Training

K – 2 February 1 - 4:00 – 5:15 Park Hill SDR  
G3 – G5 February 2 - 4:00 – 5:15 Park Hill SDR  
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