

Comprehension Strategies Notebook

'A Child's Journey into Reading'

A Literacy Handbook for teachers
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This notebook is a large, tabbed, three-ring binder, so that you can add more pages. The first part of the book is divided into all of the comprehension strategies. Each strategy is presented in a consistent way with the gradual release of responsibility. Each strategy is explained and teacher directives (teacher talk) are given as to what you would say when introducing the strategy. The whole process is done in a gradual release over a long period of time. For example, words are used to introduce a strategy, ideas are give for guided practice and finally, students practice the strategy independently followed by assessment. The notebook contains forms and ideas to go with each strategy including a few lesson plans. Ellin Keene's oral/written assessment with a rubric is at the end of each strategy. The second part of the book is based on my research on best practices for higher level thinking activities. (I read dozens of books and compiled the top activities that professionals consider meaningful to classroom instruction.) These higher level thinking activities are divided into background knowledge, vocabulary, fiction/non fiction comprehension, and application/extension.

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