

MENTAL IMAGES

First Two Weeks – Focus on what the strategy is and why great readers need it. Start with poetry.

<p><i>Think Aloud: (Eye to Eye & Knee to Knee)</i> <i>Always state the <u>PURPOSE!</u></i></p>	<p><i>Have at It: (Pairs and Small Groups)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does making mental images help us as readers? - chart Focus on this question all week, but fill in on Friday. • "Thinking About Reading" chart (RWM p. 51) • Always ask kids what they notice about what I'm doing during the think aloud! • "Crafting Session Tips" chart (7 Keys p. 36) • Images are linked to our memories. • Visualizing with wordless picture books (STW p. 97-98) -Good Dog Carl • "This page in this book will always be important to me because of my connections to it, and the images they create in my mind." (RWM p. 78) - This page has a neat way to describe to the kids that everyone's schema is different. "Night Sounds, Morning Colors" by Rosemary Wells • Read aloud, kids lay down and close eyes, put thumb up anytime they get an image in their head (RWM p. 78) • Use images to clarify and enhance comprehension. • Pretend to be the main character. • Decide right away what the characters look like. (7 Keys p. 24) • Look at painting and tell what you notice; go back the next week and discover the different things you notice • Images are linked to our memories. • Readers remember what they read better when they make more detailed mental images. • Begin modeling use of strategy in different subjects (estimation, for example). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images are created from readers' schema and words in the text. (RWM p. 80-81) • *Mental Images Form • Mental Image Homework • (RWM p. 86) • *Two Column Notes Form • Put image post its on senses poster • Readers create images to form unique interpretations, clarify thinking, draw conclusions, and enhance understanding. (RWM p. 81-82) - can do dramatic interpretation or draw a picture in a group • Mental images are different because our schema is different. (RWM p. 81) • Drawing Images (STW p. 100-101) • Images are adaptive. (RWM p. 83-84) <p>Reading a book can change the images in our minds (can change our schema): "What do you think of _____ before reading? Now what do you see when you think of _____?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The more details you make in your mind picture, the easier you'll remember it • Vocab. - Draw (on a little chalkboard) what you see when you think of [word]. • Adapting images as you read form (RWM p. 85) • Drawing images of important points of a chapter in a book (RRR p. 172-174) • Sketch to Stretch (RRR p. 177-178)

Next Two-Three Weeks – Focus on how the strategy is used in different genres. Think alouds show students how I understand what I read more deeply and permanently.

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Last Two-Three Weeks – Administer the MPIR. Students articulate more of their thinking. There is less teacher modeling.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does making mental images help us as readers? - chart • "Thinking About Reading" chart (RWM p. 51) • Model using the strategy in very challenging text in small, needs-based groups. • Show how the strategy integrates with other strategies previously studied. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Two Column Notes Form in a different genre • Readers create images to form unique interpretations, clarify thinking, draw conclusions, and enhance understanding. (RWM p. 81-82) - can do dramatic interpretation or draw a picture in a group • Mental images are different because our schema is different. (RWM p. 81) Prove this point with nonfiction. • Drawing Images (STW p. 100-101) • Images change after talking with a partner. (RWM p. 89) • Readers' images are influenced by the shared images of others. (RWM p. 82-83) • Images are adaptive. (RWM p. 83-84) • *Adapting Images Form (after having conversation with someone) • Reading a book can change the images in our minds: "What do you think of _____ before reading? Now what do you see when you think of _____?" • The more details you make in your mind picture, the easier you'll remember it • Vocab. Draw (on a little chalkboard) what you see when you think of [word]. • Adapting images as you read form (RWM p. 85) • Imaging with the five senses (104-105) • Performing Readers Theater (<i>Snapshots</i> p. 62, RRR p. 20) • Reading conferences focus on use of strategy in different genres.

Math Ideas: (from workshop with Ellin Keene)

- Mathematicians use mental pictures/models of shapes, numbers, and processes to build understanding of concepts and problems and to experiment with ideas.

- Mathematicians use concrete models/manipulatives to build understanding and visualize problems.
- Mathematicians visually represent thinking through drawings, pictures, graphs, and charts.
- Mathematicians picture story problems like a movie in the mind to help understand the problem.
- Mathematicians visualize concepts in their head (for example: parallel lines, fractions, etc.)

Texts:

If the World Were Blind. . .

Best Wishes, Ed (book 1), The Bremen Town Musicians

The Promise

Shel Silverstein Poems

Silver Seeds

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters

Listen to the Rain

Love that Dog

When Winter Comes

My America

Charlotte's Web

All the Small Poems

Fireflies

The Sailor Dog

The Good Dog, Carl

Sierra

Eve Bunting books

Patricia Polacco books

Tar Beach

Puddles

The Seashore Book

My Many Colored Days

The Way I Feel

Twilight Comes Twice

Like Butter on Pancakes

My Life as a Wave