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Getting Them All Engaged – Active Participation

Best Practices

1. Choral Reading – has built in modeling

2. Visuals

3. Written Responses – paper, post it, posters, journals, blog, in air, white board.

4. Physical Response/Acting Out Answer

5. Modeling

6. Monitoring

7. Wait Time

8. Expectations

9. Grouping

10. \*\*White Boards

11. \*\*Response Cards – with budget issues and not being able to get the electronic version, make a paper set and laminate – set for each student. For example- Yes/No – Agree/Disagree – True/False – A/B/C/D - !/./?/”” – Vocabulary Terms – Etc. You can still use the SMART board to list the questions just like using the response system.

12. \*\*Hand Signals- thumbs up/thumbs down, number responses on board and they can then indicate with one finger, two, etc.

13. Accountability

14. Think/Pair/Share (use sentence starters) – increases thinking time and gives a chance to rehearse – will get higher quality feedback.

15. Ask for volunteers only for personal responses – not right or wrong answers – otherwise hands up only. And don’t call on inattentive students. (setting students up for failure if you do). Also monitor during partnering to overhear correct answer and call on that student setting them up for success.

16. Classroom management piece – hands up/hands on heart (hand up when related to current discussion, hand on heart if need a personal issue addressed – go to bathroom for example). Also the NO BLURTING hands (while teacher asks questions she holds up both hands to students meaning that she is not wanting any answers until she puts them down and points to a student.

17. Oppositional Students – use Private, Quiet, Quick, Move On.

18. No round robin reading– do whisper read instead or CLOZE reading.

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