

Bell Work for the Week

I begin every Literacy block with silent reading and then a 10 min "Bell Work" . This is the plan I follow for the week....I take the first week to slowly go through all the expectations. I also follow the same prompts/ specific questioning each day.

Motivational Monday

I use a quote from wherever! I have a few growth mindset packages from TPT and other quote packages and I have my own file from whenever I find something.!

Show quote.

Read together...

Discuss together... but not in depth... just to get them thinking.

In their bell work notebooks they can use the following prompts.

1. What does the quote mean?
2. Do you agree? Yes or no? why?
3. Can you make any connection to this quote? (book? experience? Another quote? About the speaker? Etc)

Terminology Tuesday

I usually use a package from Presto Plans, but really any vocabulary list of words will do.

1. Show word.
2. Lead a discussion about what the word means.....a good time to dissect the word, what part of speech? Prefix? suffix? Reminds you of another word? Etc
3. Show a sentence using the word.
4. What does the word mean now?
5. Copy word, definition, and sentence.
6. Extension: can you create a new sentence for the word?

What Would You Do Wednesday? WWYDW? (this is usually the favourite day of the week!)

1. Show a video with a 'moral' dilemma (The ABC show What would you do? Has many videos on YouTube).
2. Show a moral dilemma prompt (many packages available on TPT). i.e., You are shopping with your friend and you see her shoplift a necklace. What would you do?
3. We usually have a good conversation about the choices/options, share a few together, students then write their answer to the question!
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
AND WHY....

Thinking Thursday

There are 3 ways I usually organize this day's work.

Option 1: Think and Write.....Using a photo prompt (so many available online) I start with

1. Look at the photo closely. Take note of all the details.
2. Use all your senses to experience the photo.
3. Write what you are thinking.
4. Don't stop writing until I say so.
5. Don't worry about spelling/grammar/ etc. just get your thinking on paper!
6. If time, we share a few.

Option 2 : Post a short news article or headline.

Think about what the article/headline means.

Who is involved? What is it about ? Who is affected? Why is it important? etc.

Option 3: Post a photo.

Think about a caption for the photo.

Share.

Friday is our BELL WORK day off! :) I collect Bell Work notebooks once a month.

