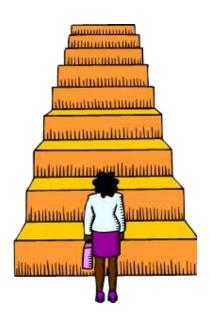
Message Time Plus (MTP)

Intro Seminar

What is Message Time Plus

Message Time Plus is a modeled writing and shared reading instructional practice that follows seven steps for planning and implementation. The seven steps have been carefully designed to support young readers and writers through a meaningful and authentic reading and writing experience. Each step is supported by research-based effective practices.

The Seven Step Process of MTP



Step 1: Planning



Step 1: Planning – Planning for Message Time Plus occurs before the lesson and planning notes are recorded on a lesson plan template. The students are not present

Step 2: Thinking Aloud

Although labeled as step two, this is actually the first step that a teacher would implement in a Message Time Plus lesson (with the students).

Step 3: Writing and Reading

This step occurs as the teacher is writing the message and the students are simultaneously reading the message.

Step 4: Predicting and Assessing

Step four is occurring simultaneously with step three. During modeled writing and shared reading, students are making predictions, the teacher is offering feedback, and the teacher is assessing students "on the fly."

Step 5: Re-reading

After each sentence that is written, the teacher guides the students to re-read, allowing them to put all the words they read into a meaningful sentence that "sounds right." This re-reading happens again after the entire message is written. With each opportunity to re-read, the students' reading becomes more automatic, accurate, and smooth.

Strategies to Help You Get Started...

- 1. Plan a mini-lesson on the expected behaviors for MTP
- 2. Use a method for calling students to the board. Example: (popsicle sticks)
- 3. Start off by only writing a couple of sentences in the beginning making them predicable especially for beginning of Kindergarten

Rhyme Time Song

Sing to the tune of the Adams Family Song

There's cat and hat, sat and bat, rat and mat the "at" family.

Rhyme time "snap, snap"

Rhyme time "snap, snap"

Rhyme time, Rhyme time, Rhyme time "snap, snap"

Super Duper "snap, snap" Peter Di Duper "snap, snap"

Super Duper, Peter Di Duper, Super Duper