# Comprehensive Reading - Activities & Levels of Support

|                   | Activities & Purpose   | Support  |
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| Active Read Aloud | Teacher:  • selects and reads book or other text  • models fluent and expressive reading  • models characteristics of what good readers do  • guides active conversation through strategically planned questions – based on class & student goals  Students:  • build listening and oral language skills  • have access to more advanced concepts or vocabulary  • see and hear effective reading strategies  Purpose:  • reading for enjoyment  • reading for a purpose  • creates a community of readers  • demonstrates characteristics of good readers  • increases vocabulary  • promotes oral language development  • known texts can become basis for a variety of other activities | Full Support  Teacher:  • provides full support  • plans & guides active conversation  Students:  • respond to text: pictures, meaning, language and teacher questions |
| Shared Reading    | Teacher:  introduces and reads a large-print text or a text where all students have a copy  models reading process  Students:  join in the reading, in unison, during refrains or after multiple readings  Purpose:  demonstration of strategies  develop sense of story  support from the group  opportunities to participate and show characteristics of a good reader  builds repertoire of familiar texts  | Teacher:  • supports problem-solving and conversation  Students:  • participate in group reading, problem solving and conversations  • support one another             |

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### Activities & Purpose Support Moderate Support Teacher: > selects and introduces new texts at the students' Teacher: instructional levels prompting, instruction or > provides support and introduces new strategies to improve reinforcement of strategies reading **Guided Reading** and skills - as needed observes students as they read new text Students: Students: read the entire text by themselves problem-solve texts as practice new skills and strategies independently as possible work to apply the strategy(ies) Purpose: that is (are) the focus of the pives students the opportunity to improve as readers, in the lesson context of a socially supported activity readers practice and develop reading strategies > students participate in enjoyable reading experiences and feel > students develop strategies needed to be successful independent readers Minimal Support Teacher: provides reading materials for students in a carefully organized manner Teacher: **Independent Reading** reinforces strategies for selecting 'just right' encourages selection of texts reads' by students Students: Students: > select stories and texts problem-solve texts as read to themselves or to a partner independently as possible work to apply strategies Purpose: successfully learned time to practice skills and strategies students read for meaning, fluency and have been taught with comprehension > students develop fluency and comprehension opportunity to choose stories and books of personal interest, or texts previously read in class enjoy reading!

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# Modelled Writing Shared/Interactive Writing

# Activities & Purpose

## Support

Full Support

### Teacher:

- models writing process
- > talks aloud to verbalize what they are doing and why
- provides mini-lessons to focus on one specific writing element, trait or strategy
- > creates a class or demonstration text

### Teacher:

- provides full support
- models writing process

### Students:

- build listening and oral language skills
- see and hear the writing process and effective writing strategies
- participate in sharing of ideas and contribute orally when appropriate

### Students:

- observe the writing process
- > participate in sharing of ideas



### Purpose:

- to provide strong writing model for students
- > students observe the writing process
- students hear the thought process of a writer while watching the creation of a written story or text

### Shared Writing

one pen - teacher writing (scribe)

### Interactive Writing

shared pen - teacher and students share one pen

### Teacher:

provides high level of support

Moderate to Full Support

- models and demonstrates writing process
- puts student ideas into written form
- text is composed by the group and constructed word by word

### Teacher:

- guides students as the whole class composes and completes one text together – while modelling effective writing strategies
- ▶ leads the re-reading of the texts several times

### Students:

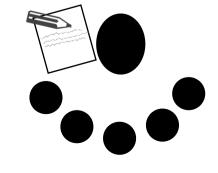
- participate in sharing of ideas
- write out part of written text with support (interactive)

### Students:

- all students participate in composing a piece of writing
- share thoughts and ideas to create a class text

### Purpose:

- ▶ share in development of a text
- instruction and assistance for students as they compose a piece of writing together
- demonstrate effective writing strategies
- produce writing that can be easily read by students



# Comprehensive Writing - Activities & Levels of Support

### Activities & Purpose Support Teacher: Moderate Support > examines smaller aspects of writing process in closer detail Guided/Small Group Writing Teacher: provides guidance with a small group of writers - focused on provides mini-lessons to further a similar skill or strategy teach/model specific strategies > provides support through small group conferences while provides small group writing students write or revise conferences provides mini-lessons to small, flexible groups, as needed Students: Students: write independently work on individual pieces of writing work through writing process participate in mini-lessons and conferences focused on to solve problems specific strategies and/or skills receive support and act on revise writing based on mini-lessons and conferences feedback during small group > solve their own problems in writing, with teacher support and writing conferences feedback Purpose: targeted and specific instruction > more individualized support - providing instruction in the area(s) students need most Teacher: Minimal Support provides writing materials for students in a carefully organized manner Teacher: puides and establishes peer support systems Ittle to no teacher support Independent Writing provides feedback and support through individual writing conferences Students: write independently Students: • use the writing process, skills write independently and strategies use known words and word-solving strategies to use classroom resources (and write unknown words other students) to solve • use resources in the in the room to write problems > apply skills and strategies taught in mini-lessons and conferences provide peer support (as indicated by teacher) Purpose: provides students with opportunity to see writing as a form of communication students see the connection between reading and

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Fountas & Pinnell Literacy Continuum - Expanded Edition - Fountas & Pinnel

students enjoy writing!

Guided Reading: Good First Teaching for All Children – Fountas and Pinnell

