

Workshop Description

READING AND WRITING LITERACY

Breaking the Code: Comprehension Strategies for Content Area Reading

Analyzing text and other reading strategies useful for comprehending nonfiction books, particularly textbooks, will be featured in this workshop. Participants will also become familiar with techniques for using a variety of nonfiction (newspapers, magazines, encyclopedia, internet, etc) to enhance reading comprehension instruction. Resources and materials relevant to diverse student populations will be reviewed.

Great Literature for Literacy Instruction

Discover ways to make thematic teaching, reading strategy instruction, and writing genre studies come alive through the use of a variety of interesting literature. You will observe mini lessons showcasing reading and writing instruction infused with rich literature that is captivating and relevant to the students' lives. Your students will become more engaged and gain an appreciation of literature while also improving their reading and writing skills.

The Power of Poetry

Learn to inspire a love of poetry in your students. Encourage your students to appreciate the colorful language of poetry – similes, metaphors, idioms, alliteration, hyperbole, sensory words, etc. and inspire them to incorporate it into their writing. Create individual poetry anthologies to showcase their poetic repertoire.

Teaching Reading Strategies With Poetry

Poetry is an ideal genre for teaching reading strategies. This interactive workshop will involve modeling the use of poems to teach the following reading strategies: making inferences, visualizing, asking questions, making connections, monitoring for meaning, determining important information, and synthesizing information. Participants will review a variety of children's favorite poems that may be used to boost vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Wondrous Writing

Discover the magic of writing through extensive genre studies including narrative writing, informational writing, persuasive writing and responding to literature. Use writing tool kits to equip students with references for creating rich and colorful writing. Observe the demonstration of mini lessons modeling the use of award-winning literature as a tool to inspire children to become wondrous writers.