***Comprehension and Vocabulary***

**What is Comprehension?**

Comprehension means understanding and making sense out of what is read or heard. Comprehension is the ultimate goal of reading.

**What is Vocabulary?**

Vocabulary refers to the words we must know to communicate effectively. There are four types of vocabulary that include: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Oral vocabulary is the best kindergarten predictor of reading achievement beyond 2nd grade. Vocabulary instruction should contain multiple methods, both direct and indirect. Repetition and multiple exposures to a word are necessary for students to retain words.

**What can we do to improve performance on Comprehension measures?**

* **FCRR Activities: Comprehension (K-1): Part 1: Sentence Structure and Meaning:** Sentence-Picture Match, Name that Story, Picture Cube, Silly Sentence Mix-Up, Sentence Pantomime, **Part 2: Story Structure:** Single Character Map, Character Map, Story Banner, Story Sequence Organizer, Narrative Text Wheel, Story Rolls, Story Chain, Sequence-A-Story, Felt Board Story, Story Question Cube, Story Grammar, Hoop-A-Story Venn Diagram **Part 3: Monitoring for Meaning:** Fiction and Nonfiction Sort, Make-And-Check-A-Prediction, Expository Fact Strip, Fact Versus Opinion, Cause and Effect Roll, Cause and Effect Organizer, Classifying Information, K-W-L, **Part 4: Main Idea/Summarizing:** Get the Gist, Projected Paragraphs, Story Hand, Story Train, Expository Text Wheel, Summarizing
* **FCRR Activities: Comprehension(2-3): Part 1:** **Narrative Text Structure:** Character Characteristics, Compare-A-Character, Story Line-Up, Story Book, Story Element Sort, Story Element Web, Story Grammar Yammer, Retell-A-Story, Compare-A-Story **Part 2: Expository Text Structure:** Book Look, Just the Facts, Keys to the Main Idea, Expository Exploration, Main Idea Highlights, Classic Classifying, Reading the Research **Part 3: Text Analysis:** Fiction and Nonfiction Review, Facto or Opinion Football, Cause and Effect Match, Compare and Contrast, Incredible Inferences, Persuade, Inform, and Entertain Sort **Part 4:** Background Knowledge Warm-Up, Anticipation Sort, Precise Predictions, Read and Ask, Question Quest, Ask and Answer, Simple Summary, Sum Summary!, Strategic Strategies, Reading Repair, Show-U-Know
* **Marzano’s Dimensions of Thinking:** Questioning for Comprehension (Graphic Organizer’s: Grades 3-6)
* **Interventions For Reading Success:** (Haager, Dimino, Windmueller) : Integrating Vocabulary Development and Comprehension Instruction into Intervention pp. 247-250; 255-264
* **I Read It, But I Don’t Get It** by: Cris Tovani: **Part 3 : Access Tools** pp.115-137

**What can we do to improve performance on Vocabulary measures?**

* **FCRR Activities: Vocabulary (K-1): Part 1: Word Identification/Word in Context:** Memory Word Match, Contraction Connection, Word Finder, Sentence Sticks **Part 2:** **Words that Describe/Word Meaning:** About Me, Choose and Chat, Action Word Ring Sort, Describe-A-Picture, Describe It, Glitter Words, String-A-Poem, Word Wizard, Word-O-Nary, Multiple Meaning Bugs, Four Square Vocabulary Map **Part 3:** **Word Categorization/Word Knowledge:** Transportation Key Sort, Cube Word Sort, Food Pyramid Word Sort, Peeking Pockets, Brainstorming Sort, Synonym Spider, Overhead Antonyms, Find the Opposite, Go Fish for Homophones **Part 4:** **Word Structure/Word Analysis:** Compound Word Hunt, Compound Word Flip Book, Prefix Line-Up, Overhead Add-A-Part, Word Connections, Vocabulary Venn Diagram, Semantic Map, Semantic Feature Analysis
* **FCRR Activities: Vocabulary (2-3): Part 1: Word Knowledge:** Contraction Bingo!, Synonym Dominoes, Opposites Attract, Synonym-Antonym Connections, Abbreviation Match-Up, Homophone Hunt, Homograph Hitch, Spin Sort **Part 2: Morphemic Elements** Compound Word Trivia, Affix Match, Affix Action, Build-A-Word, Sentence Match, Root-A-Word **Word Meaning** Word Wise, Oh My Word!, Word Wrap, Inside Information, Word Web, **Word Analysis** Extreme Words, Word wake-Up, Category Cube, Category Sort, Meaning Map, Concept Connection, Alike and Different, Attribute Analysis, Analogy Basketball, Analogy Action **Words in Context** Word Filler, What-A-Word, Multiple meaning Match, Meaning Exchange, Word Express, Meaning Maker, Word Why, Ask-Explain-List
* **Interventions For Reading Success:** (Haager, Dimino, Windmueller) pp. 247-254
* **Bringing Words To Life *Robust Vocabulary Instruction*** (Beck, McKeown, Kucan)
* **Vocabulary Handbook** (Diamond and Gutlohn) **Chapter 1: Specific Word Instruction, Chapter 2: Word-Learning Strategies, Chapter 3: Word Consciousness (**Each Chapter includes specific vocabulary lessons.)