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"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

Dr. Seuss

What reading support are you sending home?

1. Why read 20 minutes at home? graphic found at <http://schenkgr4.blogspot.com/2013/04/why-read-20-minutes-pinterest-inspired.html>.

2. ELL support; <http://www.colornolorado.org/guides/toolkit/>.

Five Components of Reading

One of the Reac³h Coach's jobs is to provide PK – 3rd grade teachers professional development and support in literacy and particularly in the five components of reading. The five components of reading as identified by the National Reading Council are:

1. Phonological Awareness
2. Phonics
3. Fluency
4. Comprehension
5. Vocabulary

It's necessary for PK – 3 teachers to have a deep understanding of all five components of reading. Instruction should include all five components of reading. Teachers should be able to assess student understanding of these five components in order to diversify their instruction to meet the needs of all students in their classroom. Reac³h Coaches have been trained in the five components of reading by way of LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) professional development; <http://www.soprislearning.com/professional-development/letrs-second-edition>.

What Standards Should I Be Using?

I've been asked this question by many people since Vision 20/20, and if you weren't at the summer conference then I'll catch you up to speed. All last year we were told to use Oklahoma C³ Standards. That our standards included Common Core ELA and Mathematics but in Oklahoma the standards all fell under an "umbrella" called Oklahoma C³. Well, at Vision 20/20 the term Oklahoma Academic Standards was revealed as the new "umbrella" name for our standards with the presentation "for the road ahead", <http://theroadaheadok.com/>. The presentation includes many graphics and resources designed to assist educators and parents in understanding where Oklahoma is headed.

The just of it all is that nothing but the name has changed. You can still visit <http://ok.gov/sde/oklahoma-c3-standards> to find and link to your standards in any given area.



The 13 OSSBA
Approved Formative
Assessments are:

1. *aimsweb*
2. *The Children's Progress Academic Assessment (CPAA)*
3. *DIBELS Next*
4. *Developmental Reading Assessment, 2nd Edition, Plus (DRA2+)*
5. *easyCBM*
6. *Group Reading Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation (GRADE)*
7. *iREADY Diagnostic*
8. *Literacy First*
9. *Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)*
10. *Measures of Academic Progress (MPG), for Primary Grades*
11. *mCLASS DIBELS Next*
12. *Star Early Learning Enterprise*
13. *Woodcock Reading Mastery Tests, 3rd Edition (WRMT - III)*

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RSA; 13 Approved Assessments for K - 3

There was a change to the 13 Approved Formative Assessments for grades K - 3 this week and if your site chose to use Star Early Literacy as your K - 3 assessment I think you'll be pleased. Here is a quote from the email I received:

"This email confirms that for the purposes of the Oklahoma State Department of Education K - 3 Formative Assessments approval list, STAR Early Learning Enterprise consists of STAR Early Literacy Enterprise™ and STAR Reading Enterprise™."

In other words, STAR Reading Enterprise is now featured as an approved formative assessment for K - 3 and falls under the listing of STAR Early Learning Enterprise on the list, <http://ok.gov/sde/sites/ok.gov.sde/files/documents/files/RSA-OklaK-3ReadAssess.pdf>.

This change was necessary because STAR Early Literacy is not a reliable assessment for students who are beyond decoding. Once a student moves beyond sounding out words and on to formulating reading comprehension skills the latter assessment, STAR Reading Enterprise, should be used.

Online Pre-kindergarten Assessment

If you're school/district is looking for a PK assessment I would suggest you checking out the ELQA; Early Literacy Quick Assessment at <https://www.elqa.eteam.ou.edu/>.

This is an online assessment that PK teachers/aides can test the skill levels of each individual child and then utilize the results to drive instruction in their classrooms. The assessment can be given up to 5 times per year and it generates reports from the data to assist teachers in making instructional decisions.

The ELQA is in Beta at this time and is being offered to schools/districts for one full year for free. After your free year the cost to maintain the assessment is approximately \$105 per classroom.

Great Reads

When Older Students Can't Read, by Louisa C. Moats

http://www.cdl.org/resource-library/articles/older_read.php

Upcoming Professional Development

- The Oklahoma State Department of Education, OSDE, will be in Guymon on August 12, 2013 for a Reac³h Network Regional Professional Development. Secondary will meet in the morning at Guymon High School while elementary will meet in the afternoon, also at the High School. To learn more about this event visit:
<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/OKSDE/bulletins/83af6b>



- As I schedule PD's for the panhandle check out <http://www.eventbrite.ca/org/3716513753> for a full listing.
- Check out all Reac³h Coach Professional Development offered free across the state at www.reac3hcoach.com.