

Making the MOST of Your Instructional time: *Small Group Reading Instruction*

Balanced Literacy is... *a curricular methodology that integrates various modalities of literacy instruction.*

Verona Data...

- DRA
- Running records (primary grades)
- Class work- any task assigned

The balanced literacy approach is characterized by explicit skill instruction and the use of authentic texts.

The Top 7 Reading Skills Include:

- Creating mental images
- Connecting
- Questioning the text
- Drawing inferences
- Determining importance
- Synthesizing information
- Repairing meaning

What Reading Components are part of a balanced literacy program?

- Interactive read aloud
- Read aloud
- Shared reading
- Independent Reading
- Small group” Partner reading, guided reading, book clubs/lit. circles
- Word study

How do all of these components in a Balanced Literacy Program fit together?

- Most of the time is organized in blocks
 - o Reading Workshop
 - o Writing Workshop
- Outside of the Reading Workshop...
 - o Read Aloud- Shared reading
 - o Word Study, Vocabulary, or language

Research Says... *The best way to move student in moving is to teach at their instructional reading level.*

The Heart of Reading is... Small Group Instruction

Reading Workshop Structure:

- Whole Group (mini lesson, interactive read aloud)
- Small Group & Independent Reading
- Whole Group –Share

Mini Lesson TIPS

- Must be 10 to 15 minutes- NO LONGER
- Should NEVER read an entire book during a mini lesson
- Directly teach your teaching point... DO NOT FISH...
- Should always have some form of guided practice.

Mini-lesson are used when...

- 50% or more of your students do not know something
- To frontload something in writing workshop.