

Tuesday Talks

WITH THE EXPERTS

What Matters – Part 1

Glimpsing into Guided Reading for Beginning and Progressing Readers

KEY TAKEAWAYS

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Engagement Matters. A lack of engagement can be one of the first signs of a struggling reader. If students are not engaged, then learning is challenged.

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Focus on Stage Not Age. Becoming a reader does not happen for all students at the same time or in the same way. It is important that the stages of reading development are recognized and the appropriate decoding strategies for each stage are taught. *Guessing* words is discouraged at all stages.

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Add Context and Color. When students are ready, Guided Reading can help them practice explicitly-taught alphabetic code skills in an authentic context. While the black and white of the *science of reading* remains constant, applying more colors from the paint palette of literacy skills including vocabulary development, comprehension, and fluency is critical.