RTI From All Sides
What Every Teacher Needs to Know
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Maximizing the Success of Response to Intervention

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Reading Connections

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Critical Components of RTI

L Link – link all tiers – coordinate
E Engage – Actively
A Accelerate – rate of growth
R Reinforce – again and again
N Negotiate – high quality literacy practices
The BIG Five

Rule 1 – Time is a precious commodity
   (Don’t waste a single second)

   Rule 2 – One size fits few
   (Differentiation is the essential key)

Rule 3 – Intensity is the great equalizer
   (Amplify the instructional level)

Rule 4 – “In addition to” over “instead of”

Rule 5 – Repeated practice digs deeper
   (transferability is the end goal)
RTI Seeds for Success

*Repeated exposure
  (7-10 repeats)
*Multiple contexts
  (SSR, read aloud, read to, etc.)
*Time to Practice
  (massive doses)
*Staying Power
  (If child cannot transfer into another area – little staying power!)
**Ideas for the classroom**

- Anchor charts – take away store bought make your own or student made

- Student Personal Anchor cards – each child
  (words – vocab., strategies – ex. Cause & Effect – one side for working/reading back side showing examples, fact finding, note taking,) no copying, students write what learned or definition in own words, etc.

- Take Two, Buddy Up! – two minutes to practice then share with buddy

- Information Rebound – sit knee to knee or stand eye to eye
Instructional Strategies

1. Top Ten lists – words that start with F, top ten ideas about elephants, learned from book, etc.
2. NO VOB wall (Vague, Overused, Boring words)
3. Dictionary Redefinition – analyze definition & come up with a new one,
4. Offer repeated exposure to high utility words & patterns.
Motivation & Learning are inseparable!

Increase VOLUME of meaningful literacy engagement

1. Read while you wait
2. Guest Reader Book Nooks – Parents read at these nooks
3. Got a minute – Read a book
4. Classroom Guest Reader – during SSR time – guest readers
5. Cross-age Buddy reader – everyday
6. Classroom Book Nook – student share book that they have read.
8. Magic Bench
9. Tent Readers
10. Rocking Readers
Tier 1

• Must have 90 – 120 minutes of protected time!
• HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTION with supplementary resources
• NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BOOK – 60% off until Dec. 15.
• Get side by side of every child in a week and poor readers more often.
• Erase ALL wasted time – every second counts
• Build independence
• Danger zones – cut & paste, circle/underline, fill-in-the-blank
Key Concepts in Context

• Word shirts
• Wall cards – 1 side – word, 2 side definition picture – read through them then read to a partner
• Daily Word Basket – 4-5 words in a Ziploc bag – have a word break – pull out word, review for 60 secs.
• Traveling Word Basket – same as traveling book basket
• Word Lines – multiple words – but mix order on each line – read own strip then exchange strips

• Word Walls – School wide
  – Where ever kids stand put words – restrooms, water fountains – practice while waiting in line
  – Read words before walking out the door
  – Tap & read
Dr Howard says

Intervention is a high quality intensive targeted instructional strategy.

RTI Instructional Cycle