Activities & Purpose Support Educator: Full Support > selects and reads book or other text Educator: models fluent and expressive reading provides full support models characteristics of what good readers do **Active Read Aloud** plans & guides active guides active conversation through strategically planned conversation questions - based on class & student goals Students: Students: respond to text: pictures, build listening and oral language skills meaning, language and Educator have access to more advanced concepts or vocabulary **questions** > see and hear effective reading strategies Purpose: reading for enjoyment reading for a purpose > creates a community of readers demonstrates characteristics of good readers increases vocabulary promotes oral language development known texts can become basis for a variety of other activities Educator: Moderate to Full Support introduces and reads a large-print text or a Educator: text where all students have a copy supports problem-solving and models reading process conversation Shared Reading Students: Students: • join in the reading, in unison, during refrains or participate in group reading, after multiple readings problem solving and Purpose: conversations demonstration of strategies support one another develop sense of story support from the group opportunities to participate and show characteristics of a good reader builds repertoire of familiar texts



Comprehensive Reading Activities & Levels of Support

Guided/Small Group Reading

Activities & Purpose

Support

Moderate Support

Educator:

- > selects and introduces new texts at the students' instructional levels
- provides support and introduces new strategies to improve reading
- observes students as they read new text

Students:

- read the entire text by themselves
- practice new skills and strategies

Purpose:

- pives students the opportunity to improve as readers, in the context of a socially supported activity
- readers practice and develop reading strategies
- > students participate in enjoyable reading experiences and feel successful
- students develop strategies needed to be successful independent readers

Educator:

prompting, instruction or reinforcement of strategies and skills - as needed

Students:

- problem-solve texts as independently as possible
- work to apply the strategy(ies) that is (are) the focus of the lesson



Educator:

- > provides reading materials for students in a carefully organized manner
- reinforces strategies for selecting 'just right

reads'

Students:

- select stories and texts
- read to themselves or to a partner

Purpose:

- time to practice skills and strategies students have been taught
- > students develop fluency and comprehension
- popportunity to choose stories and books of personal interest, or texts previously read in class
- enjoy reading!

Minimal Support

Educator:

encourages selection of texts by students

Students:

- problem-solve texts as independently as possible
- work to apply strategies successfully learned
- read for meaning, fluency and with comprehension





Balanced Literacy In Action - Brailsford & Coles



	Activities & Purpose	Support
bu	Educator: • models writing process • talks aloud to verbalize what they are doing and why • provides mini-lessons to focus on one specific writing element, trait or strategy • creates a class or demonstration text	Full Support Educator: • provides full support • models writing process
Modelled Writing	Students: • build listening and oral language skills • see and hear the writing process and effective writing strategies • participate in sharing of ideas and contribute orally when appropriate Purpose: • to provide strong writing model for students • students observe the writing process • students hear the thought process of a writer while watching the creation of a written story or text	Students: • observe the writing process • participate in sharing of ideas
Shared/Interactive Writing	Shared Writing one pen - Educator writing (scribe) Interactive Writing shared pen - Educator and students share one pen Educator: guides students as the whole class composes and completes one text together - while modelling effective writing strategies leads the re-reading of the texts several times Students: all students participate in composing a piece of writing share thoughts and ideas to create a class text Purpose: share in development of a text instruction and assistance for students as they compose a piece of writing together demonstrate effective writing strategies produce writing that can be easily read by students	Educator: • provides high level of support • models and demonstrates writing process • puts student ideas into written form • text is composed by the group and constructed word by word Students: • participate in sharing of ideas • write out part of written text with support (interactive)

Comprehensive Writing Activities & Levels of Support

Activities & Purpose Support Educator: **Moderate Support** > examines smaller aspects of writing process in closer detail **Guided/Small Group Writing** Educator: > provides guidance with a small group of writers - focused on provides mini-lessons to further a similar skill or strategy teach/model specific strategies provides support through small group conferences while provides small group writing students write or revise conferences provides mini-lessons to small, flexible groups, as needed Students: Students: write independently work on individual pieces of writing work through writing process participate in mini-lessons and conferences focused on to solve problems specific strategies and/or skills receive support and act on revise writing based on mini-lessons and conferences feedback during small group > solve their own problems in writing, with Educator support writing conferences and feedback Purpose: targeted and specific instruction > more individualized support - providing instruction in the area(s) students need most Educator: Minimal Support provides writing materials for students in a carefully organized manner Educator: guides and establishes peer support systems Ittle to no Educator support Independent Writing provides feedback and support through individual writing conferences Students: write independently Students: use the writing process, skills write independently and strategies • use known words and word-solving strategies to use classroom resources (and write unknown words other students) to solve use resources in the in the room to write problems > apply skills and strategies taught in mini-lessons and conferences provide peer support (as indicated by Educator) Purpose: provides students with opportunity to see writing as a form of communication > students see the connection between reading and writing students enjoy writing!