

I. Vocabulary

- A. Words are taken from the recommended vocabulary list given in the teacher's edition for the story being read. Additional words are chosen by the teacher from the story to make a list of 10 - 16 words per story.
- B. Vocabulary words are introduced using the ECRI methodology.
- C. Students are given a vocabulary quiz for each story.
- D. Students are given a quarterly vocabulary test over words taught during that quarter.

II. Spelling

- A. ECRI methodology practices the spelling of the vocabulary words introduced for each story.
- B. Using the ECRI format, students must pass a Mastery Test for each vocabulary list.

III. Comprehension

- A. Students discuss the story orally(whole group) and individually complete written comprehension questions for each story. "Wh-" question forms are emphasized.
- B. A specific skill is highlighted with each story. Skills include one of the following: main idea/supporting details, making predictions, drawing conclusions, sequencing, cause/effect, compare/contrast, problem/solution(s), making inferences, author's purpose, and literary elements.

IV. Strategies

- A. It is my belief that each of the other strands have strategies imbedded within them. Therefore, it is important for students to recognize that the instruction given in the other strands include strategies that help them learn/spell vocabulary words, better comprehend material read, and improve fluency.
- B. Various visual organizers are used to teach vocabulary words and comprehension skills.

V. Fluency

A. Students work to improve their fluency by using the following: read aloud with a partner, reading the story more than one time, timed reads, and oral reading tests.

B. It is important that students understand they should not sacrifice accuracy for fluency. If decreasing the rate increases the retention of the material, then the students are encouraged to do so. It should be noted that this could affect their Gray Oral Reading Test results because this test is timed and scored accordingly.

Materials:

Jamestown Signature Series (Levels D-K available)

News2You (Low level online stories used for a SPED group)