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#### Unlocking Reading Motivation

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### **Unlocking Reading Motivation:**

Fostering Reading Engagement Through Self-Efficacy and Collaboration

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"Motivation [is] the values, beliefs, and behaviors surrounding reading."

-(Gambrell, 2015)

## What motivates you to read?



# Why it matters...



- Impacts reading ability (Wigfield, Allan, & Wigfield, 2000)
- Makes the difference between learning that is superficial and learning that is internalized. (Gambrell, 1996)
- Reluctant readers will lose academic ground. (McKool, 2007)

## How do we foster reading motivation in the classroom?



# Six Principles of Motivation

- 1. Elevating Self-Efficacy
- 2. Structuring Collaboration for Motivation
- 3. Connecting Outside with Inside School Literacies
- 4. Making an Abundance of Interesting Texts Available
- 5. Expanding Choices and Options
- 6. Engendering Interest in New Learning (Brozo & Flynt, 2008)

### **Self-Efficacy**

The belief and confidence students have about their capacity to accomplish meaningful tasks and produce a desired result in academic settings

(Brozo & Flynt, 2008)





# **Elevating Self-Efficacy**

- Respectful, responsive classroom culture (Oldfather, 1993)
- Student choice (Brozo & Flynt, 2008)
- Strategy instruction (Wigfield & Guthrie, 2000)
- Lesson Purpose (Turner & Paris, 1995)
- Feedback from moderately challenging tasks (Turner & Paris, 1995)

# Self-Efficacy: Practical Applications for the Classroom

## Classroom Culture



- Allow self and others to make mistakes (Oldfather, 1993; Turner, 1995)
- Allow students to construct personal meanings from text (Oldfather, 1993)
- Use of open tasks (Turner & Paris, 1995)

## Student Choice



- Choice of reading material (Oldfather, 1993; Edmunds & Bauserman, 2006)
- Student input into nature of instructional activity (Miller & Meece, 1999)
- Choice in sharing their interpretation of texts (Oldfather, 1993; Pitcher et al, 2007)
- Multiple "avenues to success" (Turner & Paris, 1995)

# **Strategy Instruction**



- Competence as readers (Turner, 1995)
- Connecting new information with prior knowledge (Gambrell, 1996; Wigfield & Guthrie, 2000)
- Most needed in elementary and middle: prior knowledge, searching for information, comprehension, self-monitoring (Wigfield & Guthrie, 2000)

# Lesson Purpose



- Connections between in school and out of school learning (Turner & Paris, 1995)
- Understanding more important than right answers (Wigfield & Guthrie, 2000)
- When students understand learning objectives, learning becomes authentic (Turner, 1995)

### Feedback

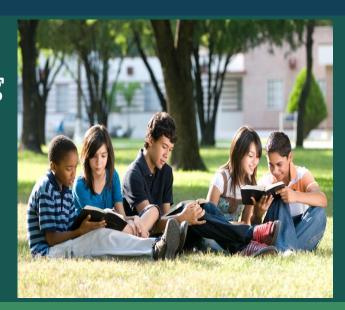


- Student-centered
   evaluation (Wigfield & Guthrie, 2000)
- Constructive approach to failure (Turner & Paris, 1995)
- Individual goal setting (Wigfield & Guthrie, 2000)

#### Collaboration

Learning as an interaction among members of a community in which meanings are constructed dynamically in transactions

(Turner, 1995)





# **Promoting Collaboration**

 Build a sense of relatedness to teachers and peers

(Furrer & Skinner, 2003)

- Social interactions about books (Gambrell, 1996; Layne, 2009)
- Collaborative discourse

(Chinn, Anderson & Waggoner, 2001)

# Collaboration: Practical Applications for the Classroom

# Sense of Relatedness



- Place a priority on building relationships between teachers/students and students/classmates (Furrer & Skinner, 2003)
- Get feedback from students on their sense of engagement and relatedness(Furrer & Skinner, 2003)
- Provide opportunities for challenging and open ended literacy tasks that require group collaboration (Miller & Meece, 1999)

## Social Interactions with Books



- Partner reading (Gambrell, 2015)
- Classmate recommendations (Gambrell,1996)
- Book chats (Layne, 2009)
- Status of the class (Layne, 2009)
- Teacher read alouds (Gambrell,1996)
- Book clubs/Discussion groups (Layne, 2009)

# **Collaborative Discourse**



- 1. Students read a shared text.
- 2. Students gather together for a discussion.
- 3. Teacher initiates the discussion with a single central question significant to the book's theme.
- 4. Students state their opinion on the topic.
- 5. Students collaboratively construct arguments to defend their opinion and sway classmates using text evidence.
- 6. Students state their final opinion. (Chinn, Anderson & Waggoner, 2001)

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## Any questions?





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