

Sharing Innovative Ideas

Primary Level

Below are some ideas shared by conference participants

Oral Language Ideas/Resources:

- Language for Living -cleverkids websites - 1st class upwards - good for team teaching and withdrawals
- Colourful Semantics - good to ask an SLT to give school an intro to this - concept of sentence structure, sentence order, parts of speech are colour coded, a visual resource
- Talking Books = Margaret Egan presentation - resources on ILSA website
- Word of the Day - word is chosen by a child, announced over intercom by child at start of week, credits for using it during the week, good to do it this way to promote student voice, colour code them according to part of speech, keep a record of them, Word Walls should be active - useful to use this for Word of the Week
- Children-led assembly: children have opportunity to talk about area of interest at assembly
- School working on informal language - good morning, how are you? etc.
- Teaching Reading Using Games - TRUGs - good for withdrawal and station teaching
- Renfrew Word Finding - 50 cards, child names the objects, good assessment tool, from Outside the Box
- Renfrew BUS Test - assessing language
- Book Creator - website for creating books

Reading ideas / resources:

- Connectors - teaches reading skills like prediction, summarize etc, child led, from Scholastic, can be used up to 6th.
- Building Bridges of Comprehension - also teaches comprehension skills
- Genius Hour: Came from Google employees, you spend 80% of your time on school time, 20% of your time on a self-led project, good for older classes.
- Teacher allows free time on Friday afternoon for this. NO resources.
- Words their Way
- Topic: Family Tree, project given to class, no rules about how to present, success criteria provided
- ISSAC 9 - Maths - numbers and colours on each block, children collaborate to solve problems. Available on loan in some Education Centres.
- British Picture Vocabulary Test

Writing ideas / resources:

- Cursive writing scheme brought into school has helped with spelling results - have cursive text on the wall as well.