

St. Louis Suburban Council of the International Reading Association
2008-09

FALL KICK-OFF MEETING

Missouri STARR Teachers, September 23, 2008

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"Marzano's High Yield Instructional Strategies" (for K-12)

Would you like to dramatically improve achievement in your class this year?

Attend this mini-workshop presented by STARR Teachers to learn one strategy of your choice to increase student achievement. Research shows that when any of the following strategies are implemented in a classroom, student achievement will increase as noted below.

Marzano's High Yield Instructional Strategies

- Similarities and Differences - Gain of 45 percentile points
- Summarizing and Note taking – Gain of 34 percentile points
- Cooperative Learning – Gain of 27 percentile points
- Nonlinguistic Representations – Gain of 27 percentile point
- Generating and Testing Hypotheses – Gain of 23 percentile point
- Advance Cues, Advance Organizers, Advance Questions – Gain of 22 percentile points

FALL PROFESSIONAL BOOK STUDY – September thru November
***Reciprocal Teaching at Work* published by IRA.**

Participate in this book study to learn about Reciprocal Teaching or to further basic knowledge of these powerful strategies that can increase your students' comprehension in as little as 15 days. Purchase your own book through IRA. Meeting sessions will be planned around the schedules of the participants.

FALL WINE & WISDOM EVENT – Literacy Conversations,
October 14, 2008

Attend this follow-up session on the Marzano's strategies to share your initial classroom use of the strategy and learn new information from the STARR teacher who presented your strategy in September. You will register for this event at the September meeting.

NOVEMBER MEETING - Lori Oczkus, November 10, 2008

CO-SPONSORED WITH FONTBONNE UNIVERSITY

"Reciprocal Teaching at Work: NEW Strategies/Lessons for Dramatically Improving Reading Comprehension" (for elementary and middle school)

*Lori spoke to our organization in January 2007, and members were excited to learn the Reciprocal Teaching (RT) strategies. Since then, Lori continues to further her work in this area. Come learn these simple, yet powerful strategies or further your knowledge of RT with **NEW** techniques for implementation. You won't want to miss this dynamic, national presenter and these powerful strategies that can increase your students' comprehension in as little as 15 days!*

WINTER WINE & WISDOM EVENT – Literacy Conversations

This discussion group will focus their conversation on implementation of the Reciprocal Teaching Strategies. Participants will share experiences of classroom implementation and learn from each other's work with these powerful strategies as well as revisiting sections of Lori's book as needed. Meeting sessions will begin following Lori's visit, and they will be planned around the schedules of the participants. Members will register for Literacy Conversations at the meeting on November 10.

JANUARY MEETING - Pat Wolfe, January 26, 2009

"Brain Based Learning At All Levels" (for elementary and middle school)

Pat is a national presenter and author of two books on brain based learning. Her books include Brain Matters: Translating Research into Classroom Practice and Building the Reading Brain, PreK – 3 which she co-authored with Pamela Nevills. She makes brain research more interesting and captivating than that novel that you simply can't put down. You will leave this session with ideas/techniques that you will implement in your classroom the very next day.

WINTER PROFESSIONAL BOOK STUDY

Brain Matters: Translating Research into Classroom Practice by Pat Wolfe

Participate in this book study to further your knowledge of brain research and learn the implications for your classroom practice. Participants will purchase own book. Meeting sessions will be planned around the schedules of the participants. Sessions will begin following Pat's visit. Participants will register at the January 26 meeting.

SPRING BANQUET - Vickie Grove, Missouri Children's Author Date to be determined in April, 2009.

Vickie is a prolific author who has written 11 chapter books. Eight of them are middle grades or young adult books, but her ideas about writing are appropriate for all levels. Vickie is an author who loves to work with teachers and students of all grade levels to improve student writing. She

will share several personal writing techniques that are "tried and true" for helping students of all ages write and write well. But, Vickie is more than an author, she is an inspiration to all. Hear how she has reinvented herself professionally with her new science fiction series. Listen as she shares her personal story of challenges and graces while caring for her aging parents. Her presentation will teach you techniques for motivating students and improving students' writing while inspiring and uplifting your spirits.