

BREAKING UP THE BLOCK IDEAS

Follow schedule EVERY DAY – put on board so kids know what to expect:

Bellringer (then write what it will be)

Read Aloud (what will it be?)

Anticipation Activity (what is it?)

Direct Instruction (what will YOU do? what will students do?)

Wake-Up (name of activity?)

Practice/Review (activity?)

Assessment (what is it?)

Ticket to Leave/Celebration (homework? reflection?)

Bellringer Ideas

- Trivia or riddles
- Short poem
- Anecdote
- Opinion or review question
- Life-skills math
- Weird facts
- Video clip
- Current event
- Vocabulary
- ODDEE.COM

Read Aloud Ideas

- Primary documents
- Poems about what studying
- Anecdotes
- News articles
- ***Chapter from novel chosen by class – read chapter a day!***
- **NEVER SKIP READ-ALLOUD!**

Anticipation Activities

- Music, photos, video clips, picture books, group grids, gallery walks
- 20-Questions game, index-card pass, “Get-to-Know-Your-Chapter”, Fishbowl
- Easter eggs – put questions/photos/fact inside and give to kids as enter classroom
- Anything that will spur interest in the content

Direct Instruction

- No more than 20 minutes at time if teacher-centered – may be longer if hands-on!
- Power Points with neat photos/imbedded video clips
- Read! Highlight! Hotdog!
- Pass the Folder
- Fact-bags
- Foldables – *Google* foldables – there are tons of sites with ideas
- Jigsaw, graphic organizers, concept maps, Venn diagrams & class paragraphs
- **MODEL everything you want students to do!**

Wake-ups

- Group switches, Simon Says, “I went to class today and learned . . . “
- Body part review – “If you think the Cold War involved threats, touch your elbow.”
- Video clips of weird dancing – kids wiggle!
- Music

Practice/Review

- Bingo, gallery walk reviews, whiteboards, 3-second review, single-line T/F
- Colored *Whiffle* ball review, paper-plate match game, add-a-line stories

Assessment

- Collages, journals, portfolios, 5 W’s charts, found poems, biopoems
- Mapping, “Funky Folders”, “Respond/React/Reflect”
- Fishbowl, “Hotdog” questions, gallery walk quizzes

Tickets-to-leave / Celebration

- Response slips, homework assignments, “Quick Quiz”
- Songs or raps, poems, raffles