



Friday Focus

Carter County Schools



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Coming Events

- Aug. 28 EILA
- Aug. 29—6th and 7th Grade Academies
- Aug. 30—8th and 9th Grade Academies
- Sept. 5—10th and 11th grade Academies
- Sept. 6th—Math Academy
- Sept. 8th—Day Out with Dad

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Reading In All Content Areas

Academies will be starting soon and the focus this year is literacy—reading strategies for every content area. It is amazing that the same **seven strategies** can apply to text from the language arts classroom all the way to math classroom. When our students become metacognitive about their engagement with text, they become more successful in all aspects of learning.

Researchers have extensively studied the skills strong readers have in common. In **Best Practice, Fourth Edition**, Steven Zemelman, Harvey “Smokey” Daniels, and Arthur Hyde summarized what published, peer-reviewed articles and books identify as the **7 reading skills and strategies** most crucial for students to learn as they improve their comprehension. We will all get a picture of these strategies in our book studies this year. Here they are:

Monitoring comprehension

Actively keeping track of one’s thinking and adjusting strategies to the text at hand

Visualizing

Making mental pictures or sensory images as one reads

Connecting

Linking what is in the text to personal experience, world events, or other texts

Questioning

Actively wondering about the text, watching for uncertainties in it, and interrogating the text and the author

Inferring

Predicting, hypothesizing, interpreting, and drawing conclusions about the text

Determine importance

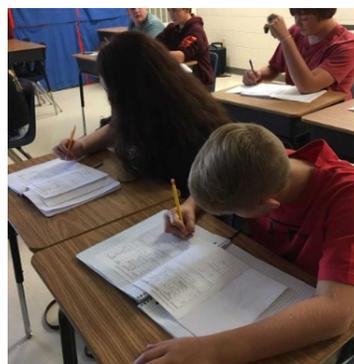
Making judgments and weighing the values of the text or the author

Synthesizing

Retelling and/or summarizing a text and remembering information from it

As you study our texts over the next few months, learn how you can explicitly teach these strategies and skills to your students. Attacking text with this collection of tools has been proven to help kids learn better and all of us have that goal for our students.

Spotlight on Excellence



Students in Regan Kinney’s room at East Carter Middle School worked in their Interactive Student Notebooks this week. The 8th grade math students at ECHS use their ISN’s to take notes and collect key vocabulary. Students also create amazing foldables and include them in their ISN’s to help them learn and recall critical math concepts.

ISN’s are engaging for students and the notebooks become a useful tool when the kids need a resource to help them remember important information. They also encourage students to take ownership of their own learning!