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**Elementary Education Thread**

Comment here with your questions, thoughts, take-aways for all things elementary education related here!

Missy Slaathaug

Nov 05

How do you handle teachers who want their new-to-country EL to walk around with a tablet opened to Google translate all day?

Dyanis Conrad (she/her)

Nov 06

I have had teachers respond favorably when I share alternatives that they can implement right away. I try to focus on what could we do if Google Translate didn't have this language? It can be really frustrating but I think we have to emphasize the pedagogical reasons that specific techniques make or don’t make sense - but with user-friendly terminology.
Theresa Hsu

I am interested in ideas for assessing my students, tracking, and using rubrics for ELD.

Missy Slaathaug

hmmm - interesting. Sounds like you like good formative assessments. I tend to spend more time on practice than assessing, but I don't have many students so I have their needs and progress in my head I suppose. Have you ever used self-assessments? Where they rate themselves on progress/mastery? Even newcomers can do a smiley or serious or frowny face.

Dyanis Conrad (she/her)

Margo Gottlieb has a good book on assessments that give templates and other useful resources.

Theresa Hsu

It's not me so much that like good formative assessments. I am thinking about using self assessments and looking for ideas there too. Lots of the time, it doesn't seem practical or takes too much time.

Emily Koo

Do you have access to WIDA standards? I show my students the can-do indicators at their level and then the level up and grade them on that. I can share my student-friendly one, but that's only for 6-12 to just give you an idea.

Missy Slaathaug

@Emily Koo that's a fun idea. I found a whole set of student-friendly Can-do descriptors online somewhere. I'll try to find and post the link.

Missy Slaathaug

OK - this link is for teachers to use for "report cards" - when they have no idea how to evaluate the kids. [https://docushare.esboces.org/drweb/View/Collection-960](https://docushare.esboces.org/drweb/View/Collection-960) Not quite
what you are looking for - but very cool none the less. I will keep looking...

Theresa Hsu

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Wow! That looks cool. TY

Theresa Hsu

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I am so gladded I posed this question! Thank you so much.

Missy Slaathaug

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Me too! It is great to share. Where do you teach, Theresa? how many ELs?

Mary Ellen Bahrenburg

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@Missy Slaathaug, she's in 3 schools I'm in one. We are both in Dickinson, ND.

Theresa Hsu

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@Missy Slaathaug hahah, thanks ME. And I have 28 students.

Missy Slaathaug

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I am in Pierre SD - and I am an ESL Instructor/Coordinator for the district. We have about 25 district wide - I teach mostly in high school and middle school and I support the paraprofessionals who work the ELs in the lementary schools. Many hats!
Hi, All!!
What Social and Emotional Learning programs do you use? Are there any programs geared more toward EL students?

Mary Ellen Bahrenburg

@Erica Boomsma, Heart River has Mindfulness Monday, but I don’t have students during SEL time. Here’s a link sent to staff. https://youtu.be/QtqNnVIN9gM

Mary Ellen Bahrenburg

During your session I thought of one kindergarten student I have and how he struggles. You’re comment about story problems causing flight / fight issues clicked. I wonder if something like that is interfering with letter sound recall. I want to start talking to my kids about the brain as well.

Missy Slaathaug

Erica mentioned in the adult ed session that she uses podcasts for listening practice - I am so interested in this! Does anyone else do this? She recommended these:

- wow in the world
- past and the curious
- circle round folktales around the world
- mystery recipe
- kids listen podcast home

Does anyone else have podcasts to recommend? Erica, how do newcomers do with this? Do you have summarizing or discussion or any other structured activity after you listen?