HIGH QUALITY INTERACTIONS IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSROOM

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Where We Are Going

- 1. The goal: Academic language
- 2. The Good News: Teacher-child interactions can support children's language development.
- 3. The Bad News: Achieving high quality is hard!
- 4. Promising alternative avenues

2. THE GOAL

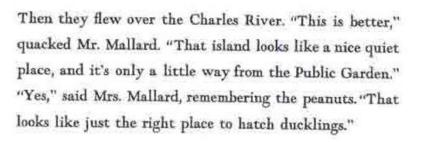
ACADEMIC LANGUAGE



Academic Language

- Children learn language from infancy as they interact with parents.
 - Foundational language abilities are usually supported in homes.
 - 2. Access to knowledge and specialized vocabulary is linked to education and literacy.
- Literacy draws on ways of using language different from conversational language – Academic Language.
 - Vocabulary demands are greater
 - Grammatical structure is different
 - Literary phrasing and uses of language





Vocabulary and World Knowledge

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Linking Actions, Referencing Mental States

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Complex Sentence Structure

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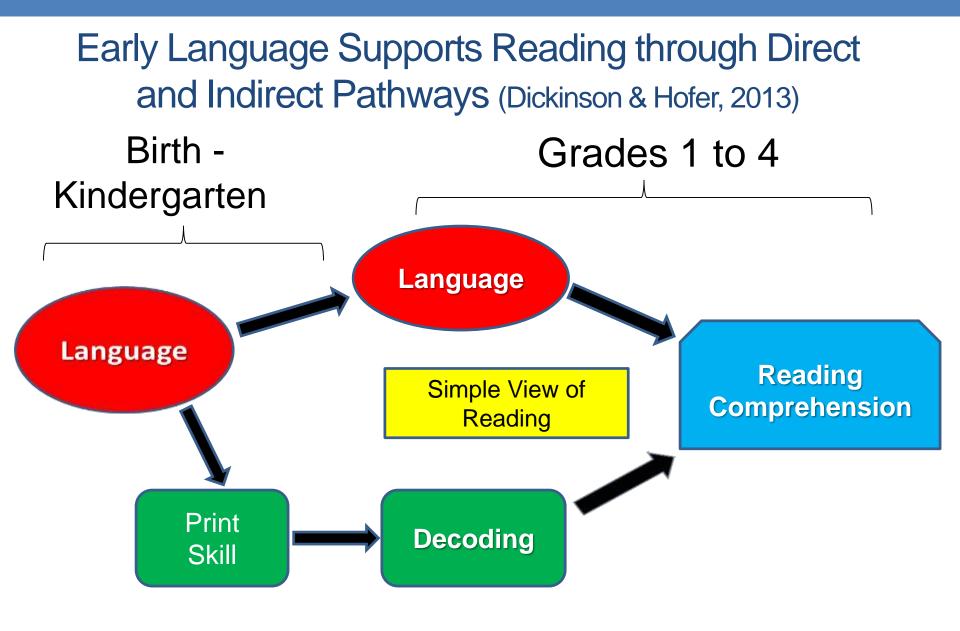
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Oral Access to Literate Genres:

"... oral participation in a culture of literacy seems at least as important for vocabulary acquisition as some of the work on which schools concentrate in the formal teaching of reading or in direct vocabulary instruction."

(p. 683, David Corson)

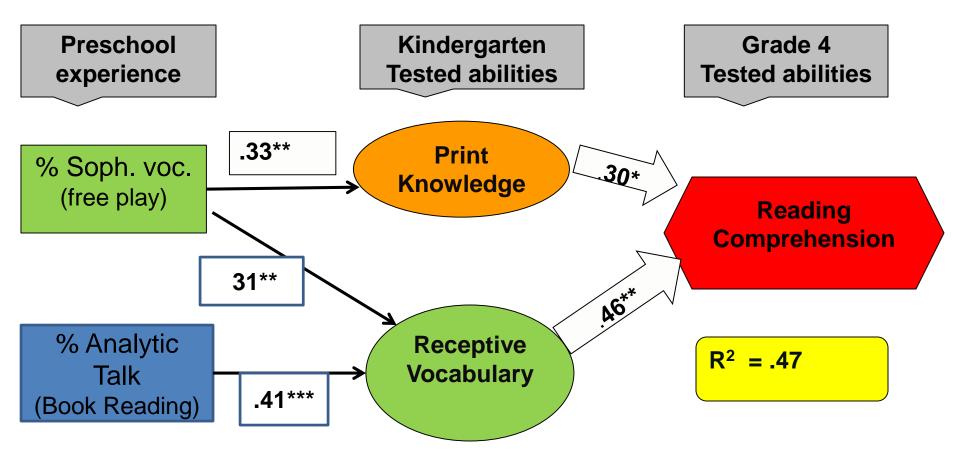
- One must be positioned to participate in the culture of literacy.
- This can occur through oral experiences in homes and in classrooms.

 The Good News:
 Teacher-child interactions can support children's language development

Teachers May Play a Key Role (Dickinson & Porche, Child Development, 2011)

- HSSLD with Snow & Tabors
- Longitudinal study: age 3 to Grades 7-8
- All low SES children
- Intensive analyses of age 4 data
 - Recorded in homes and classrooms at age four
 - Transcripts of teachers' language from across the day.
- Tested in kindergarten and grade 4.
- Controlled for home language exposure at age 3 and demographic factors.

Mediated Effects of Preschool Experiences on Grade 4 Comprehension (Dickinson & Porche, 2011, *Child Development*)



Teacher-Child Talk in Preschool Relates to Grade 4 Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension

- Use of lower frequency vocabulary in 1-1 conversations. This requires:
 - 1. Broad vocabulary & associated knowledge
 - 2. Inclination to engage children in such conversations
- Analytic talk about books. This requires:
 - 1. Comfort reading books
 - 2. Skill talking about words and texts
- Teachers talk less and listen. This requires:
 - 1. Seeing children as conversational partners.
 - 2. Conversational style that involves listening.

A SUCCESSFUL PRE-K CLASSROOM INTERVENTION & CLASSROOM FEATURES ASSOCIATED WITH GROWTH

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Sustained, Well Supported & Focused

- Well-funded Early Reading First project
- 11 13 classrooms over four years
 - Most teachers were involved all four years.
- School district program, certified teachers
- OWL curriculum: language & conceptual focus
- Well supported teachers
 - Coaching
 - > Professional development
 - Language and conceptually-focused curriculum (Opening the World of Learning, Schickedanz & Dickinson, 2005).

Data collected fall-spring. Feedback to teachers.

ERF Project (ELLS)

- Four years of support:
 - N = 10 (year 1); n = 13 classrooms (years 2 4)
- Targeted schools with ELL populations.
 - ELL percentages
 - Year one: 22% (14% Hispanic)
 - Years two four:
 - roughly 45% ELL,
 - 1/3 Hispanic)
 - Other groups: Kurdish, Somalian, Egyptian, Vietnamese
 - African-American:
 - 67% year one,
 - 48% years 2 4; While: 7 9%
- Gender roughly equal
- All met income guidelines for state pre-k eligibility

Coaching and PD

- One coach to every four classrooms.
- Group professional development sessions about 4 times a year.
 - Special foci: ELL children, book reading methods, writing support, conceptually-guided teaching
- Coaches supported through regular project meetings.
- Classrooms supplied with materials to assist with curriculum implementation
- Data shared with teachers
 - Classroom observational data
 - Data on children's status and development

Causal Evidence of Intervention Effects

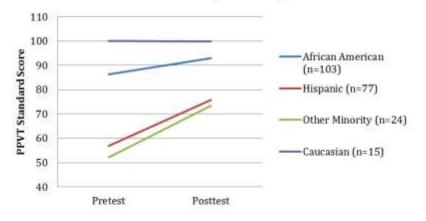
(Wilson, Dickinson, & Rowe, Early Childhood Research Q., in press)

| | Letter- Word | Spelling | Recep. Vocab. | Express. Vocab. | Oral Comp. |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Year One ELL Native Eng. | 1.68* 1.12* | .61~ .65 * | 1.30 * NS | 1.31 * NS | NS NS |
| Year Two ELL Native Eng. | 2.11* .77* | 1.99* .88* | .73 * NS | 1.20 * NS | NS NS |
| Year Three ELL Nat. Eng. | 1.93* 1.55* | .76* 1.01* | .76* 1.01* | .82 * NS | NS 1.49* |

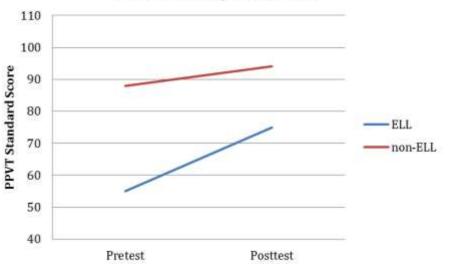
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Year Two

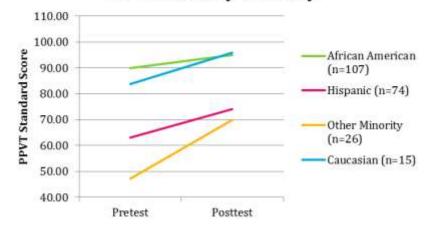
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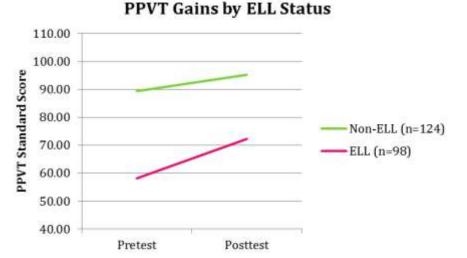
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Year Three



PPVT Gains by Ethnicity



WHAT WORKED?



Fidelity of Implementation of OWL

| | Y1 | Y2: Spr | Y3: Spr | Poss. Pts |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Morning Meeting | <mark>65</mark> | <mark>74</mark> | 58 | 11 |
| Writing: in Groups | 52 | <mark>97</mark> | <mark>92</mark> | 9 |
| Centers Time | <mark>76</mark> | <mark>92</mark> | <mark>81</mark> | 24 |
| Writing in Centers | <mark>60</mark> | <mark>71</mark> | <mark>72</mark> | 18 |
| Story Time | <mark>78</mark> | <mark>96</mark> | <mark>96</mark> | 30 |
| Songs, Word Play | 77 | <mark>92</mark> | <mark>88</mark> | 19 |
| Small Groups | 45 | <mark>77</mark> | <mark>71</mark> | 42 |
| Let's Talk About It | 53 | <mark>68</mark> | <mark>86</mark> | 12 |
| Support for ELLs ^a | <mark>75</mark> | <mark>92</mark> | <mark>82</mark> | 4 |
| Transitions | 63 | <mark>93</mark> | <mark>77</mark> | 6 |
| up to 59% <mark>60 – 75%</mark> | <mark>76 –</mark> | <mark>89%</mark> 9 | 0% and al | oove |

ELLCO: Language and Literacy Subscale

Language Environment:

- Teacher/child conversations
- Extended individual conversation
- Efforts to build vocabulary
- Attention to phonological awareness

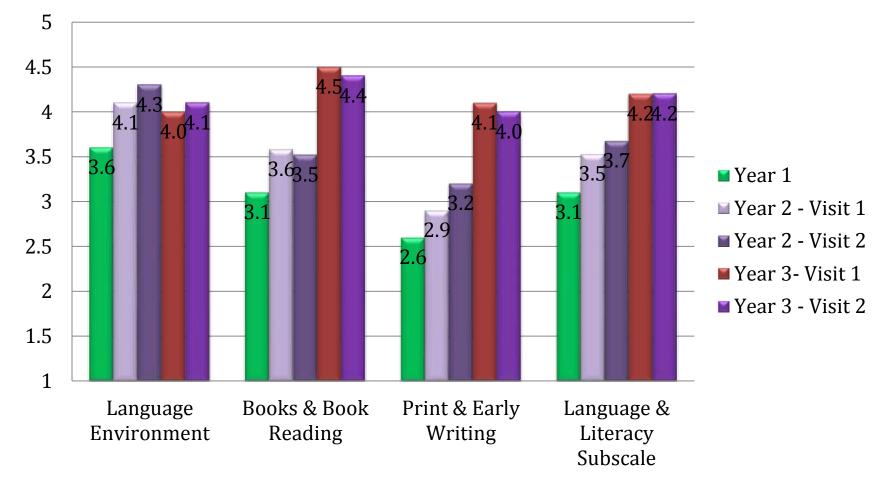
Books & Book Reading:

- Book area: varied ability levels and content,
- Promote learning,
- Book reading activities,
- Book reading links to instructional activities

Print & Early Writing:

- Materials and activities to develop writing
- Teachers encourage child in meaningful ways,
- Environmental print is present and used

ELLCO Language and Literacy Subscale Across Four Years



Book Reading Fidelity Rating

| Teacher reads and discusses book in a manner consistent with curriculum. Y N Indicate which READ: | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2. Teacher holds book so that all children can see | | | | |
| 3. Teacher defines and/or uses sophisticated vocabulary in ways that teach meanings. (for reads 3 and 4 include efforts to have children chime in with sophisticated words) $\square 8+ \square 3-7 \square 0-2$ | | | | |
| 4. Teacher reads book with expression and energy and uses some variety. This might include changes in pitch, volume, speed, and use of facial expressions and gestures.□ Y □N | | | | |
| 5. Teacher responds to children's questions or to comments indicating confusion about the story, but does not get sidetracked by excessive talk. | | | | |
| 6. Teacher engages in thoughtful discussion after the story has been read. | | | | |
| 7. Teacher helps children understand characters' feelings and motivations by explaining, discussing or with voice, gesture or expressions 4+ 2-3 0-1 | | | | |
| 8. Teacher supports understanding of event sequences, pictures, cause-effect link₃ □ 4+ □2-3 □ 0-1 | | | | |

Mrs. Kelli Bolton

 Children showed growth relative to national norms on standardized tests (15 points = 1 standard deviation).

| | Receptive Voc. | Expressive | Letter - |
|--------|----------------|------------|----------|
| | Vocabulary | Vocabulary | Word |
| Year 1 | +10 | +8 | + 8 |
| Year 2 | +22 | +26 | +24 |
| Year 3 | +20 | +20 | +14 |

Mrs. Kelli Bolton

- Participated in the ELLS project all four years
 - Used Opening the World of Learning
 - 1:4 coaching for 2 ¹/₂ years
 - Professional development with a focus on writing
- 20 Children, all but two entered speaking little English
- 8 from Arabic speaking homes, 12 from Spanishspeaking homes
- Data:
 - Pre-post data collection on children
 - Twice yearly classroom observations

OWL Curriculum & Book Reading

- High quality fiction:
 - Read 4 times, shifting responsibility to children
 - Selected vocabulary and comprehension questions
 - Thematic focus for 4 weeks linked to books
- Core concepts and vocabulary to be addressed during the unit are introduced
- Reads 1 and 3 of Ugly Vegetables

Expository Books

- Informational books read and discussed during content instructional time.
 - Distinctive language and manner of engaging the text
 - Direct giving of information, no narrative, continued conceptual focus
 - Illustrations support meaning and are used with intentionality

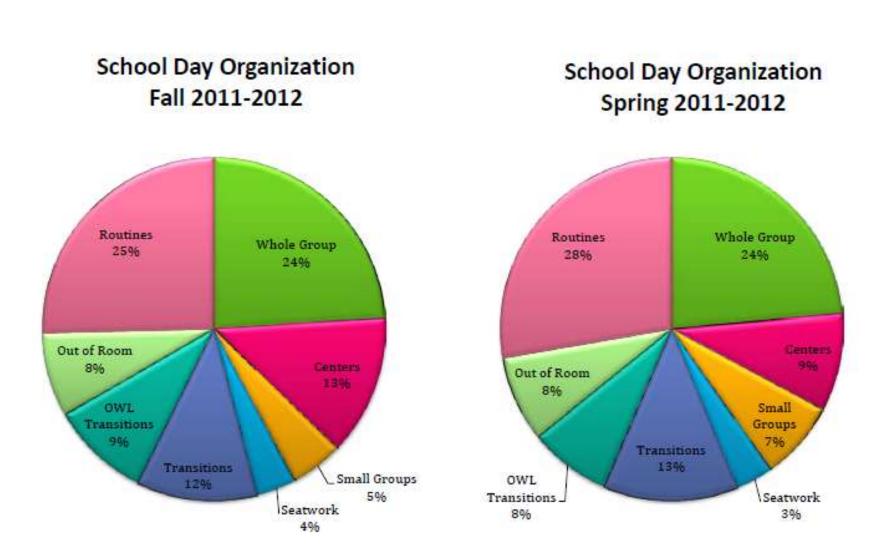
Small group instruction

- Different skills, same vocabulary
- More opportunities for student participation
- Core concepts and vocabulary are reinforced

STRIVING FOR EFFECTIVE USE OF TIME: THE NARRATIVE RECORD

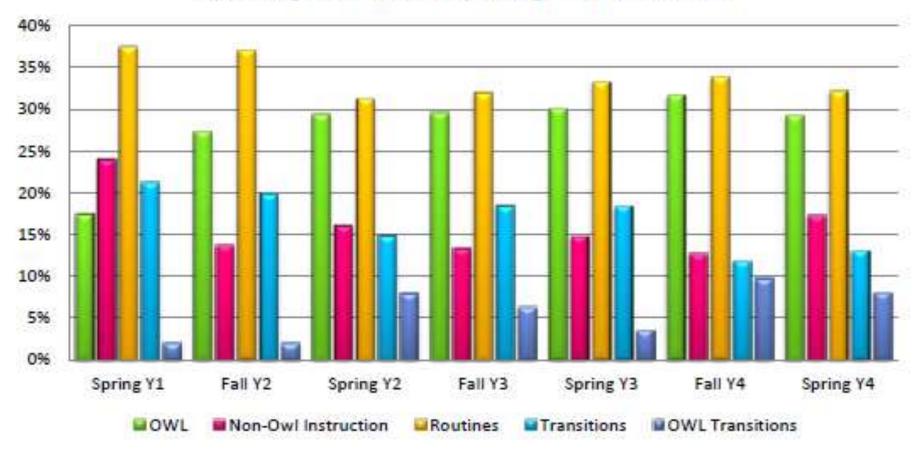
- 1. Developed by Dale Farran
- 2. How time was spent during the day
- 3. The level of children's engagement (1-4)
- 4. Instructional level (1-4)

Narrative Record Data, Year 4

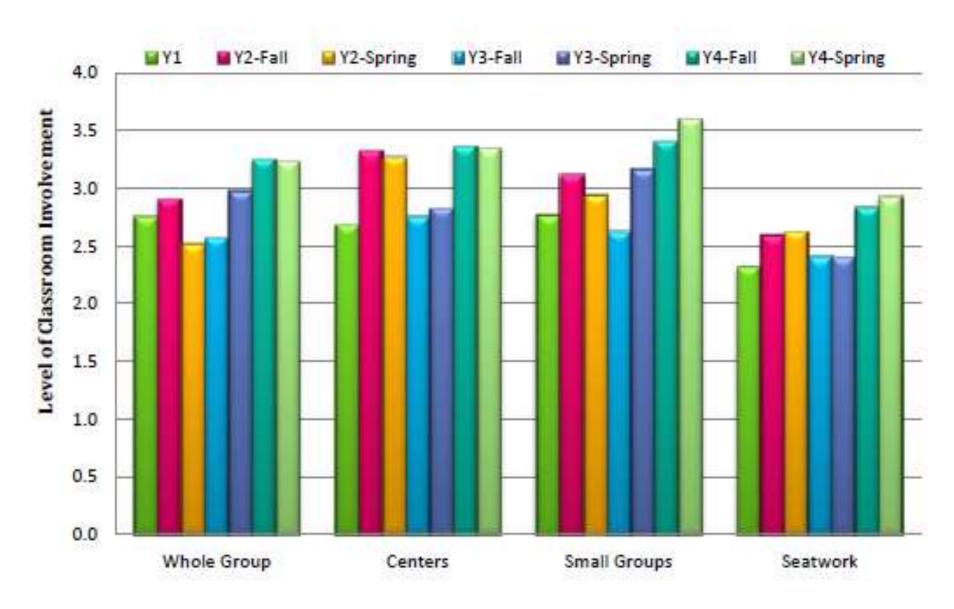


Narrative Record: Time in Curriculum-Based Activities

Percentage of School Day Using OWL Curriculum



Average Child Involvement in Classroom Activities



Empirical Identification of Effective Features: Fidelity of Curriculum Delivery

- Fidelity to curriculum guidance at the setting level
 - Book reading, small group etc.
 - Varied number of points possible across settings
- Construct level fidelity:
 - Instructional activities designed to support distinct abilities: phonological awareness, print knowledge, language
 - Summed features of instruction across the day related to a given construct

Outcome Gains by Classroom Measures

| <u>Measure</u> | | Language | Print | <mark>Phon.</mark> Awareness |
|------------------------------|---|----------|-------|---------------------------------|
| Literacy Envir. Checklist | LEC Total Score | | | |
| ELLCO | General Classroom Environment | • | | • |
| | Language & Literacy Environment | • | | • |
| | Morning Meeting | | • | |
| | Writing in Whole Group Settings | | | |
| | Writing in Centers | | * | |
| Fidelity | Centers | | | • |
| Curriculum | Story Time | * | | |
| Components | SWPL | | | |
| | Small Groups | | * | • |
| | Let's Find Out About It/Let's Talk About It | | | * |
| | Fidelity Total | | • | • |
| | Language | | • | • |
| Fidelity | Concepts | | * | • |
| Concepts | Print & Phonological Awareness | | * | * |
| | Self-Regulation | | • | • |
| | Procedures | | | • |
| | Proportion Instructional Time | • | • | • |
| | Proportion OWL | | * | • |
| | Proportion Non-OWL Instruction | | | |
| Narrative | Proportion Whole Group | | • | |
| Record | Child Involvement (during instruction) | • | • | * |
| | Teacher Instruction (during all instructional time) | | | * |
| | OWL Small Group Proportion | * | * | |
| | OWL Small Group Child Involvement | | 1 | |
| | OWL Small Group Teacher Instruction | | • | • |

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Factors Associated with Language Learning

- Language predicted by
 - broad measure of quality: ELLCO
 - Book reading: setting most directly aligned with language teaching
 - Narrative record:
 - Instructional time
 - Child involvement in instructional time and small groups
- Language has been hard to improve.
 - We found: curriculum-driven intentional languagefocused experiences
 - And child engagement
- Need to include children's responses

3. The Bad News: Achieving quality is hard!



Language Use Is Hard to Change

- Early childhood programs have had only limited success in significantly boosting children's language abilities (Dickinson, 2011, Dickinson, Freiberg et. al, 2011).
- Several intervention studies that have sought to change language practices and have had little success in changing teachers' language
 practices. (Cabell & Justice, 2011, Dickinson, Kaiser et. al, 2011; Pence & Justice, 2008; Powell, Diamond et. al, 2010).

There Is Considerable Variability in Language Use (Dickinson et al., ECRQ, 2014)

- 1. Language use varies across settings.
 - Context-specific factors play a major role in shaping language use in classrooms.
- 2. Language use varies greatly across teachers.
 - Person-specific factors play a large role in shaping

language use in classrooms. Factors:

- personal language using history
- pedagogical training
- personal preferences
- classroom norms

Average Content Per Minute By Setting (for all); 75th percentile, Highest and Lowest (n = 52)14 12 Conceptual 10 Interpersonal 8 Vocabulary 6 Skills 4 Sophisticated Word: Different types 2 0 **Book Reading** Small Group Group Content

CLASSROOM SETTING AFFECTS LANGUAGE USE



Dickinson, D. K., Hofer, K. G., Barnes, E. M., & Grifenhagen, J. B. (2014). Examining teachers' language in head start classrooms from a systemic linguistics approach. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 29231 - 244.

Sample

- 43 Head Start classrooms
 - Data from the same teacher across all settings
 - 13 centers within 6 clusters
- •Lead Teachers:
 - 90% African-American women
 - CDA: 16, 31: AA, 6: BA
 - Experience: average of 15.8
 - All native English speakers
- 20 children per classroom
 - All from low-income households
 - Nearly all African-American



Language Data

- Settings:
 - Book Reading: teacher's talk and text from books for full activity
 - Group Content Instruction: Up to 10 minutes
 - Small Group Instruction: Up to 10 minutes
- Proportional variables used to deal with variability in time
 - All transcripts were checked by a second person; 20 % checked for reliability
- Analyzed language: total of over 146,000 utterances
 - Small group: 864.4 words per teacher
 - Group content: 923.1 per teacher
 - Book reading: 444.4 words from the book 1,169.2 words by teacher



Language Measures

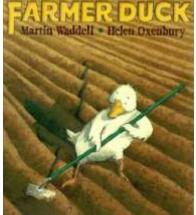
- Lexical diversity (D) from CHILDES
 - Measures variety of words used controlling for speech sample length
- Use of relatively low frequency vocabulary
 - # of types and tokens of words not "commonly known by 4th graders" (Chall and Dale) [a list of 8,000 words including roots and inflected forms]
- Structural complexity:
- Mean Length of Utterance
- Semantic content:
 - Talk about vocabulary
 - Conceptually-focused talk
 - Skills-oriented talk (numbers, letters)

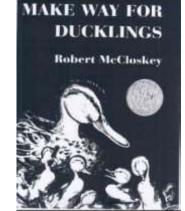


Predicting Language in Book From Book Type

(significant finding reflects association with narrative rather than predictable text)

| | В | SE | Р |
|----------------------|---------|-------|------|
| Lexical Diversity | 54.4** | 6.8 | .000 |
| MLU | .5 | .7 | NS |
| Soph. Word Types | 10.4** | 3.1 | .002 |
| Soph. Word Tokens | 16.7** | 5.6 | .004 |
| Total Word Types | 159.4** | 32.8 | .000 |
| Total Word Tokens | 378.0** | 113.9 | .002 |







Setting Predicts Teachers' Language Use

| Source | F | p-value |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Linguistic Variables | | |
| D | 7.13** | .001 |
| MLU | 55.72** | .000 |
| Sophisticated Word Types | 24.29** | .000 |
| Sophisticated Word Tokens | 29.84** | .000 |
| Total Tokens | 12.70** | .000 |
| Content Codes | | |
| Vocabulary | 4.70* | .012 |
| Skills | 15.10** | .000 |

Emergent Academic Language Registers

(Dickinson, Hofer, Barnes & Grifenhagen, 2014, Early Childhood Research Quarterly)

| | Во | Book | | Group | Group | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|--|
| | Reading | | (Skills | (Skills Focus) | | ent | |
| Teacher Language Measure | Mean | SD | Mean | SD | Mean | SD | |
| Lexical Diversity | <mark>74.41</mark> | 14.35 | 64.71 | 13.45 | 68.25 | 12.50 | |
| MLU | <mark>8.39</mark> | 2.81 | 4.81 | 0.63 | 6.20 | 0.96 | |
| Soph. Word Types | o.63 | 0.31 | 0.54 | 0.32 | <mark>1.08</mark> | 0.67 | |
| Soph.Word Tokens | 1.09 | 0.63 | 1.17 | 1.04 | <mark>2.60</mark> | 1.65 | |
| Vocabulary Utterances | <mark>2.36</mark> | 2.07 | 1.49 | 2.20 | 1.84 | 1.73 | |
| Conceptual Utterances | <mark>5.03</mark> | 2.12 | 4.56 | 3.97 | <mark>4.53</mark> | 3.20 | |
| Skills Utterances | 0.72 | 1.47 | <mark>3.23</mark> | <mark>5-39</mark> | 0.40 | 0.94 | |

Book reading > other settings

- Lexical diversity
- Syntactic complexity
- Talk about word meanings

Grp Discussions about theme-related content:

- Varied of sophisticated words by the teacher
- Number of sophisticated words used by the teacher
- Conceptually-oriented talk

Small Groups:

- Skills-oriented talk

Efforts to Improve Children's Language Must Be Tied to Specific Classroom Contexts

- "Quality" should be viewed in a setting-specific manner with careful attention to language use.
 - My hunch is that chances of success are best:
 - When teachers view themselves in an instructional role (book reading, group lessons)
 - > Awareness of vocabulary use is the easiest target; the aspect of language teachers are most likely to notice.
- Strive for conceptual enrichment along with intentional support for language.
- A good curriculum can be very helpful.

"Doing" the activity is not enough. Teachers Need to Understand the Educational Value of Activities

- Examined teachers who did the same OWL activity.
- Identified those who implemented the activity as required but varied in lexical richness.

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Small Group: Lemonade Activity

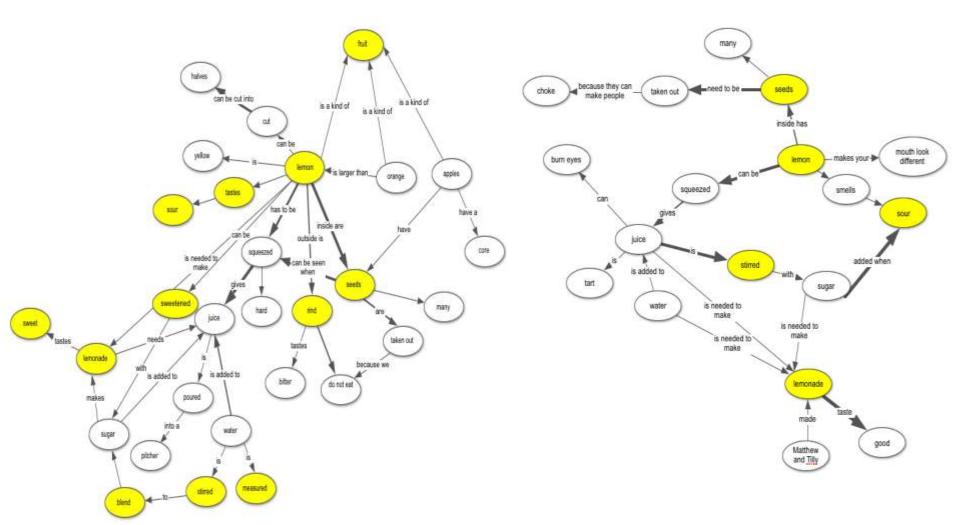
- Activity: make and drink lemonade
- Instructional purposes:
 - Observe, explore, and describe plants and other materials.
- Recommended vocabulary:

| fruit lemo | on le | emonade | Э | seeds | 5 |
|------------|-------|---------|------|-------|----------|
| rinds | sour | S | swee | et | (bitter) |
| blend | mea | sure | | | mix |
| stir | swee | eten | | | taste |

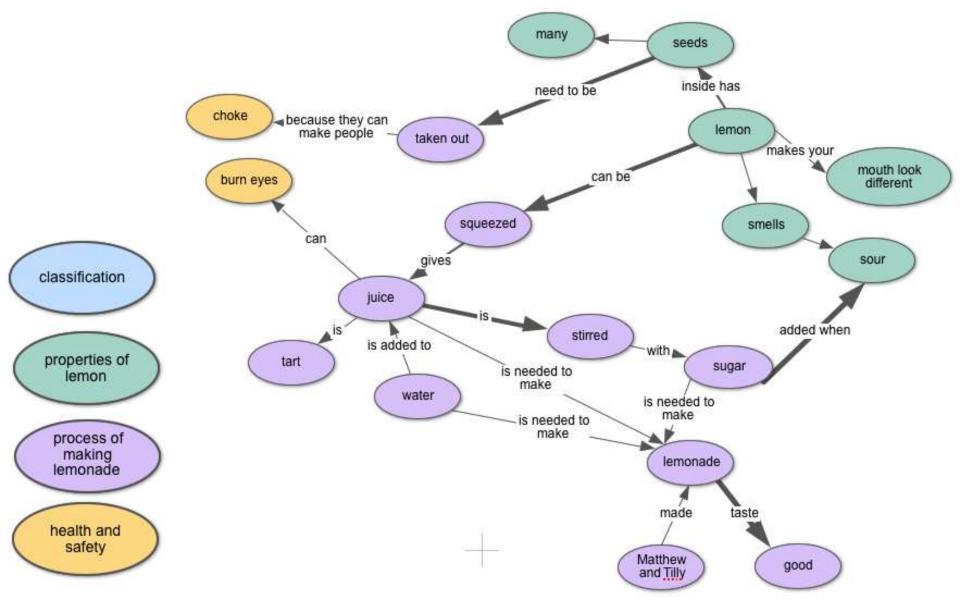
Use of Recommended Words

Use of Vocabulary: Conceptual Teacher

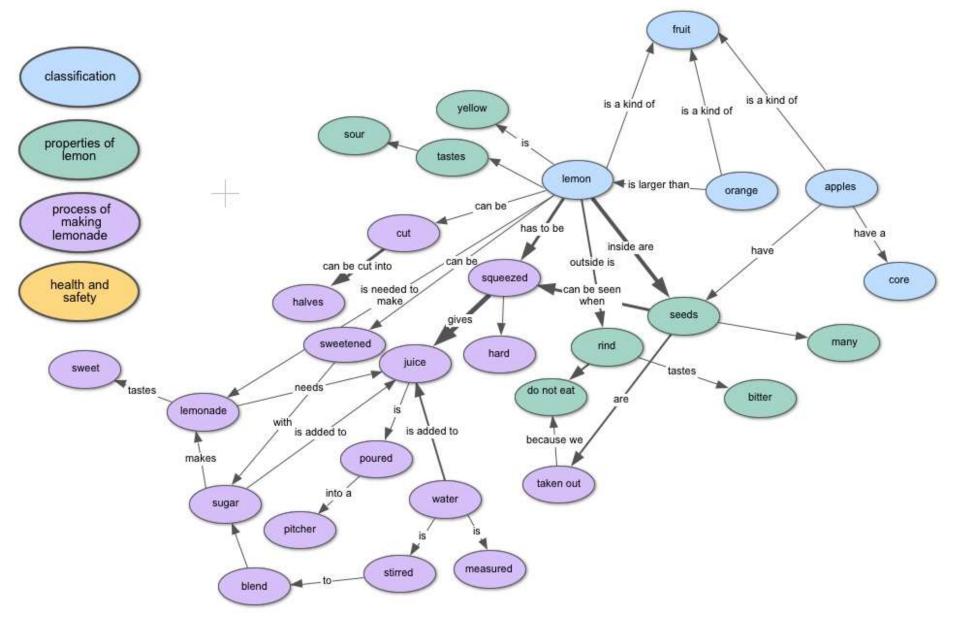
Use of Vocabulary: Procedural Teacher



Procedural Teacher: Conceptual Richness



Conceptual Teacher : Conceptual Richness



In Sum

- Surface features are the same:
 - All children make and drink lemonade.
 - All are well behaved; hands on activity
 - Teachers: warm and responsive
 - Health-safety concerns
- Access to knowledge is dramatically different:
 - # of words defined : 3 vs. 0; used: 6 vs. 1
 - Attention to low-frequency terms (rind, bitter)
 - Accuracy and depth of word meanings
 - Metalanguage: Talk about word meanings, reference to spoken text

3. Promising Avenues



Read-Play-Learn Project



With Roberta Golinkoff and Kathy Hirsh-Pasek

- Create a scalable
 approach to book reading
 that includes use of
 books with sophisticated
 language.
- 2. Support and extend language learning through adult-directed play.

Book Reading

- Four books, each read 4 times
 - Two themes: dragons, farms
- 16 words taught per book
 - (8 in readings 1 & 2, 8 in 3 & 4)
- Vocabulary teaching:
 - Picture cards used to teach word meanings
 - Explicit verbal definitions
 - Gestures
 - Children say the words
- Support for comprehension and inferential thinking with scripted questions.



Materials Used by Teachers

Picture Cards Image: Spectacles: glasses that help you see better

Book Reading Card

| Exclusion Exclusion | | | Readings 3 & 4 | Comprehension Questio |
|--|-------|--------------|--|--|
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| | - | pride | | What in Goog's new job? Do your think he will be grant at his new job |
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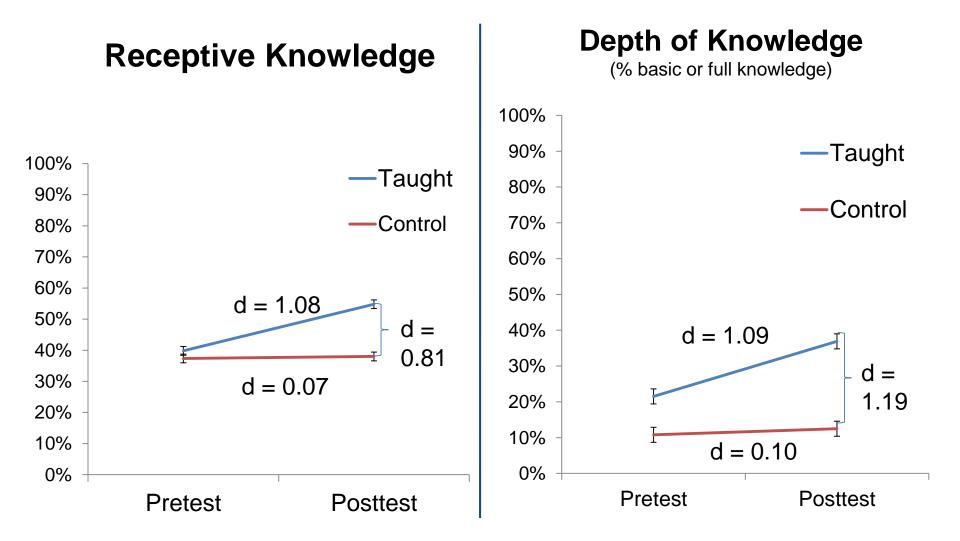
Book Reading Card

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|--|---|--|--|
| | | Readings 1 & 2 | Comprehension Questions |
| A. | cmerging | means to come out of something | How does the king feel? Why and how do you know? |
| No. | scorch. | means to burn something a little bit | What's Grog doing? Does he mean to scorch things? How does Grog feel? |
| 1 | maxhem. | when there is a lot of trouble happening | |

Book Reading Coaching Form: Close-up

| DURING READING | 0 √ = | EXAMPLES |
|--|-------|----------|
| 1. Teacher verbally defines target vocabulary in ways that teach meanings. | | |
| 2. Teacher points to illustrations to clarify meanings of target vocabulary. | e 2. | |
| 3. Teacher uses gestures that clearly reinforce meanings of target vocabulary. | | |
| 4. Teacher encourages children to say words that are being taught. | 6 | |
| 5. Teacher encourages children to use gestures for new words being taught. | | |
| Teacher asks questions and engages children in discussion to support children's understanding of event sequences and cause effect links. | | |
| READING PROCESSES | > | |
| 1. Teacher reads book with expression and energy; uses variety such as changes | s | |
| in pitch, volume, speed, and/or use of facial expressions and gestures. | | |
| 2. Teacher effectively responds to children's questions or to comments | | |
| indicating confusion. (e.g., asks follow up questions, gives needed information) | | |

Pre-Post Gains in Word Knowledge of Taught and Control Words Combined Across Conditions



Self-Regulation and Generalized Language

| | Work-rel Skills | | Peg Ta | pping | PPVT | | |
|--------------|--------------------|-------|---------------|-------|----------------|-------|--|
| | B,(SE) | D | B,(SE) | D | B,(SE) | D | |
| READ only | .49 (.13) | .44** | 2.15 (.61) | .37** | 2.81 (1.08) | .20** | |

Creating and Institutionalizing Effective Instructional Practices

- 1. Sustained organizational support
- 2. Building-level support
- 3. Well-specified instructional objectives
- 4. Teacher understanding of instructional goals
- Coaching support provided by knowledgeable staff
- 6. Data-based feedback to teachers
 - a. Their instructional skill relative to desired goals
 - b. Children's growth

THANK YOU!

Key Elements to Creating and Sustaining Quality in Atfal Abu KG

- Strong leadership and shared vision
- Well-specified instructional routines that foster learning through functional, educationally valuable activities
 - Vision of effective classroom setup and routines
 - Shared conceptually-based planning across languages
 - Repeated reading of the same book across languages from high quality books
 - Morning Message with shared writing
 - Time in centers; engaged teachers
 - Coaching
 - Fidelity checklists

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observation Dates and Rater(s): مواعيد وتصنيفات الملاحظات الصيف الدراسي Classroom:

physical environment, relatively permanent Evidence of basic routines, rules

activity content, routines w/ direct impact on learning time

Reflect changes, evidence of curricular energy

Teacher engagement, in process tch'g & learning

<u>I. Classroom Layout</u> الصف

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#1:

| # | Item Description وصف البند | Assessment detail تفاصيل التقييم | T1 فصل أول | T2 فصل ثان | T3 فصل ثالث |
|---|---|--|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Space for group and clear discrete areas for different activities بوجد مساحة للمجموعات وأماكن منفصلة للأنشطة المختلفة | dividers break up space, create areas for activity; traffic flow works أهاكن للأنتسطة؛ وتسهيل حركة السير | 012 | 012 | 012 |
| 2 | Sand and/or water for 2+; learning focus provided المتخدام الرمل /أوالماء ل 2 +، وتوفر المحور التعليمي | area available; props to support exploration; props change المساحة متوفرة ؛ هناك دعائم تساعد على الإستكتاف ؛ ودعائم للتغيير | 012 | 012 | 012 |
| 3 | Construction area is defined area, size is appropriate تم تحديد مساحة منطقة اليناء، والحجم مناسب | wooden blocks and large plastic blocks مکعبات خشیبه و مکعبات بلاستیکیهٔ کبیرهٔ | 012 | 012 | 012 |
| 4 | Easel available and used for painting. حامل اللوحات متوفر ويستخدم في الرسم | easel, paint, smocks, brushes, paint | 012 | 012 | 012 |

| | | حامل اللوحات، الأصباغ، الأثواب الفضفاضة (السترات) ، فرش الرسم، الطلاء | | | |
|---|--|---|-----|-----|-----|
| 5 | Computer is accessible in working order, varied software الحاسوب متاح ويعمل، البرامج متنوعة | programs used for educational purposes يستخدم الحاسوب لاغراض تعليمية | 012 | 012 | 012 |
| 6 | Science area defined and supports learning. المكان المخصص للعلوم محدد ويدعم التعلم | Invites observation; material changes; some form of print support (chart, diagram, books, writing prompt) تدعو للملاحظة؛ تغييرات ملموسة؛ بعض النماذج المطبوعة الداعمة (مخطط، رسم بياني، كتب، | 012 | 012 | 012 |
| 7 | Outdoor learning area used when possible, learning supports استخدام المنطقة التعليمية الخارجية كلما أمكن ذلك، وتدعم التعلم | planned use of outdoor for exploration and play استخدام المنطقة الخارجية مخطط له من أجل الإستكشاف واللعب | 012 | 012 | 012 |

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#2:

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II. Routines, Curriculum and Evidence of Learning

الروتين، المناهج التعليمية والأدلة على التعلم

| # | Item Description وصف البند | Assessment detail تفاصيل التقييم | T1 فصل أول | T2 فصل ثان | T3 فصل ثالث | | Displays are topic | clear discrete displays, space used | | | |
|----------|---|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|---|---|---|------|------|------|
| 1 | Time in full groups is limited, varies by age group and time of year. الوقت محدود في المجمو عات الكاملة، ويختلف حسب الفئة | KG1: ~15 min. max. الروضية 1: 15 دقيقة على الأكثر. KG2: ~20 min. max. الروضية 2: 20 دقيقة على الأكثر | 012 | 012 | 012 | 5 | focused. Activity is explained and outcome noted. المعروضات توضح موضوع التركيز. يتم تمرح النشاط والنتيجة ملحوظة | with focus, word wall space limited ومميزة، استخدام المساحات بتركيز، تحديد المساحة المخصصة للجبارات الجدارية | 012 | 012 | 012 |
| 2 | العمرية والوقت من السنة. Group times have varied activity types. Not just listening. تختلف أنواع الأنسطة | variety of types of participation ننوع أنواع المتباركة | 012 | 012 | 012 | 6 | Time limit and turns system for computer use نظام تحديد الوقت والأدوار المخصص لإستخدام الحاسوب | timer, list system to track use over days المؤقت، نظام القائمة لتعقب استخدامه على مدى الأيام | 012 | 012 | 012 |
| | اتناء العمل آلجماعی. لا مجرد الإستماع System for attendance, names | pictures removed when not needed; may retain some if | E; 0 1 2 | E012 | E012 | 7 | Daily schedule posted; picture supports عرض الجدول اليومي، مدعما بالصور | | 012 | 012 | 012 |
| 3 | included, pictures if needed نظام الحضور اليومي، الأسماء مدرجة، والصور إذا لزم الأمر | needed تنزع الصبور عندما لا يكون هناك حاجة لها؛ وقد يتم الإحتقاظ ببعضها إن | A012 | A012 | A012 | 8 | labels used to guide storage, purpose for attending to print | | E012 | E012 | E012 |
| \vdash | System and place to | لزمت children can access – store and retrieve | | | | | استخدام بطاقات للإستدال الغرض من الحضور للطباعة | | A012 | A012 | A012 |
| 4 | store children's | their own work الأطفال من الدخول إلى المخزن واسترجاع أعمالهم | 012 | 012 | 012 | 9 | System for assignment to centers, names used نظام التكليف بالمهام | is enforced and used independently by children. يتم الإلزام عليه | 012 | 012 | 012 |
| | | | | | | | للمراكز، والأسماء المستخدمة | ويستخدمه الأطفال باستقلالية | | | |

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VII. Teachers' Supports for Learning Through Conversations

. وسائل دعم المعلمين للتعلم من خلال VII

المحادثات

(note that all of these are relevant for both first and second language, but #6 is especially important for second language learners.) (لاحظ أن كل هذه ذات صلة لكل من اللغتين الأولى والثانية، ما عدا رقم 6 فهي مهمة خاصة المتعلمي اللغة الثانية)

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|----------|---|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|------|---|---|------|------|---------|
| # | Item Description | Assessment detail | T1 فصل أول | T2 فصل ثان | T3 فصل ثالث | | الوجبات. وهي تسعى | | | | |
| | وصف البند Teacher is warm, patient; expresses loving attitude in | تفاصيل التقييم | E012 | E012 | E012 | | لإستجابة أكثر من مجرد نعم / أو لا، أو الإجابة بكلمة واحدة | | A012 | A012 | A012 |
| 1 | words and actions. المعلمة ودودة، صبورة؛ وكلماتها وأفعالها تجير عن سلوكها المحب | | A012 | A012 | A012 | 4 | Teacher listens; does not dominate, seeks to understand child. | conveys desire to understand, interest تحرب عن رغبتها في التقهم | E012 | E012 | E 0 1 2 |
| | During active learning time | | | | | | المعلمة تستمع، لا تسيطر، تسعى إلى فهم الطفل | وابداء الإهتمام | A012 | A012 | A012 |
| 2 | teacher talks with children. Seeks more than yes/no, 1 word response. | Moves around and engages =1 pt; extended talk = 2. تتحرك بين الأطفال وتتناعل | E012 | E012 | E012 | 5 | Teacher builds on child's talk, repeats and extends. نقوم المعلمة بالبناء على | Efforts to enrich child's talk by expanding child's comments. | E012 | E012 | E012 |
| | تتحدت المعلمة مع الأطفال انتباء فترة التعلم النشط وهي تسعى لإستجابة أكثر من مجرد | للحرك بيل الإطفال وتلقاعل = 1 نقطة؛ والنقاش المطول = 2 نقطة | A012 | A012 | A012 | | حدیث الطفل، تکرر وتوسع ELL Focus: | نبذل الجهود في إتراء التحدث عند الأطفال من خلال زيادة تعليقاته | A012 | A012 | A012 |
| | نعم / أو لا، أو الإجابة بكلمة واحدة During meals | Former of the | | | | | Strives to communicate: gestures, clear | 0: weak | E012 | E012 | E012 |
| 3 | teacher talks with children. Seeks more than yes/no, | Engages =1 pt; نشار ك = 1 نقطة | E012 | E012 | E012 | | articulation, visual supports, slower pace as needed. | 0= ضعيف 1: some strategies 1: بعض الإستر انيجيات | | | |
| | nore than yes/no, 1 word response. تتحدث المعلمة مع الأطفال اتناء تناولهم | extended talk = 2 نقائ <i>ش</i> مطول = 2. | | | | 6 | تركيز متعلمي اللغة الإنجليزية: تسعى جاهدة للتواصل: | 2: strong, consistently uses many 2: قَرِي: وتَسْتَخَدَم الْحَدِيدِ | | | |
| | | | | | • | | الإيماءات، الصياغة الواضحة، الدعم بالمواد البصرية، التحدث بوتيرة أبطأ حسب الحاجة | باستمرار | A012 | A012 | A012 |

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Book Reading Observation for a New Book

Teacher:

Assessor:

Date: _____

| Focus | Item | Scoring | Comment |
|-------------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| Goal Before Story | States goals and how children will participate: Listen, learn new words, meet the characters and enjoy the story | Yes No | |
| Vocabulary Before Story | Teaches about ½ of the words (at least 4-5) using definitions, pictures, gestures or actual objects. | Yes No | |
| Vocabulary Before Story | Teacher says words slowly and clearly and encourages children to say the words. | Yes No | |
| Introduction Book Concepts | Names author and illustrator. | Yes No | |
| Introduction Book Concepts | Points to the print in the title, may briefly discuss print (e.g. letter names, sounds out words, directionality) | | |
| Introduction Comprehension | Provides background knowledge that might be needed to understand (location, time, characters). | Yes No | |
| Introduction Comprehension | Makes link to current unit and prior books when relevant. | Yes No | |
| Introduction Comprehension | Creates sense of anticipation – may ask prediction question or make comment modeling prediction. | Yes No | |
| During Read Vocabulary | Gives meanings of key words using spoken definitions that are clear and pronounced with care. All pre-taught words are defined. Some additional words may be defined briefly. | Yes No | |
| During Read Vocabulary | Teacher helps communicate meanings by pointing to pictures and using gestures, facial expressions, and voice. | Yes No | |

| During Read Comprehension | Gives children information they need in order to understand. Offers comments that support understanding of cause-and-effect, why characters are doing things, links between events across pages, what pictures are showing. | Often Sometimes Rarely | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--|
| During Read Comprehension | Asks or models used of occasional prediction questions. | Yes No | |
| During Read Comprehension | Teacher is alert to indications that children are confused or not engaged and adds needed explanations or examples. | Yes No | |
| During Read Comprehension and Enjoyment | Teacher reads in a manner that holds attention: varies volume, maintains pace, uses facial expression, or gesture. | Often Sometimes Not often | |
| During Read Language | Teacher reads the text of the book fluently and uses well-formed sentences that include use of vocabulary being taught. | Often Sometimes Rarely | |
| After Read Comprehension | Focuses on 1-2 pages or one single idea and builds understanding. Refers to pictures and prior events as needed. May discuss character feelings and motivations and why things happen to prompt inferential thinking. | Yes No | |
| After Read Comprehension | Uses vocabulary and draws children's attention to new words as the book is being discussed. May encourage children to say a new word when appropriate. | Yes No | |
| Throughout Engagement | Teacher is warm and positive and praises students for appropriate behavior. | Yes No | |
| Throughout Engagement | Students are attending and participating | Fully Usually Occasionally | |
| Throughout Engagement | When children are distracted or fail to respond teacher offers prompts and supports understanding and ensures attentiveness. | Yes No | |
| Throughout Engagement | Responds to appropriate child questions or comments while staying focused on the story. | Yes No | |
| Engagement | Story takes no more than 15 minutes | Yes No | |

Percent of KG1 and KG2 Teachers Observed Doing Specific Instructional Practices during Discussions of a <u>New</u> Book

Story takes no more than 15 minutes Responds to child questions, staying focused on the story Supports understanding and ensures attentiveness Students are attending and participating Is warm, positive, and praises appropriate behavior Uses vocabulary and draws attention to new words Focuses on select pages or idea to build understanding Reads the text of the book fluently* Reads in a manner that holds attention* Is alert when children are confused or not engaged Asks or models use of prediction questions Gives children information needed for understanding* Conveys meaning with pictures, expressions, voice Gives meanings and definitions of key words

