How does your reading instruction stack up?

Are students asked to figure out words by -

- Looking at the first letter,
- Looking at the picture,
- Reading the rest of the sentence?

These are Whole Language reading strategies. They are NOT recommended by the National Reading Panel or the International Dyslexia Association. Good readers decode words!

Is your curriculum "Balanced Literacy"?

It sounds good, but these programs promote Whole Language reading strategies! Balanced Literacy programs do not teach sounds and symbols systematically and explicitly.

Examples of Balanced Literacy programs – Reading Recovery, Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy, Lucy Calkins

What is Structured Literacy?

These methods teach children the sounds and symbols of our language in a systematic and explicit way. Kids learn to decode words, not guess!

Examples of Structured Literacy programs – Wilson, Barton, The 95% Group, Really Great Reading

Structured Literacy + Teacher Training = Success for ALL Learners!

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