

Behind the Lesson Program Summaries

Nine 10-minute video programs

In these professional development videos, we go *Behind the Lesson* as teachers demonstrate how they are effectively teaching reading comprehension strategies. Programs combine actual classroom footage with dialogue and personal reflection on instructional practices.

1. *Prior Knowledge* - A 4th grade bilingual class learns to activate and use their prior knowledge to read a picture book about immigration.
2. *Making Connections* - First grade students make text to text, text to self and text to world connections to help them understand a picture book during read-aloud.
3. *Questioning* - A third grade class practices asking meaningful questions to understand a wordless picture book and articles from the *Weekly Reader*.
4. *Visualizing* - An inclusion class of third grade students learn how visualizing helps them understand during a read aloud from their basal reader.
5. *Inferring* - Third grade students learn how inferring can help them understand characters in a story and then practice their skills in self selected books.
6. *Summarizing* - Second grade students use a fictional story to practice identifying key elements of the story and understanding the author's message.
7. *Evaluating* - A guided reading group of third grade students is introduced to the vocabulary used to make evaluations using articles from *Time for Kids*.
8. *Synthesizing* - A reading specialist helps third graders learn to synthesize information while reading informational text.
9. *Strategies Together* - Second grade students use all their strategies together to help them learn from non-fiction books and articles.