

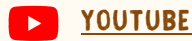


COACH'S NEWSLETTER "FALL FOR LEARNING"



BREAK THE PLANE!

Let's break the plane together! That means stepping out from behind your desk, small group table, or instructional "zone" and moving among your students while teaching within the first 5 minutes of each lesson. Physically breaking the plane increases engagement, builds connections, and lets you scan for understanding. It turns teacher talk into shared learning space.



Each month, we will highlight small, high-impact practices you can try in your own classrooms!

CRAFTING CLEAR LEARNING INTENTIONS

A learning intention tells students exactly what they are learning NOT what they're doing. It focuses on the knowledge, skill, or concept — not the activity.



Clarity Check:



Students will complete a graphic organizer



Students will identify the main idea and key details in a nonfiction text.

CANVA QUICKIES—THINK BIG!

This month's Canva tip is all about creating FULL-SIZE classroom banners that make a statement! We will tell you how to pick the right dimensions and design elements so your banner looks amazing—both on screen and hanging in your room.

Scan this QR code to view a video tutorial on how to create and personalize your own banner!



EXPLICIT VOCABULARY INSTRUCTION

1. Introduce the vocabulary word
2. Have students repeat it—the more repetitions the easier it is to remember.
3. Clap out the syllables for the vocabulary word.
4. Create a gesture that can go to the syllables for the word.
5. Provide a student friendly definition of the word

Using gestures that match the number of syllables helps students connect movement to sound, reinforcing phonological awareness, memory, and word segmentation skills.

Practice your vocabulary EVERYDAY!!

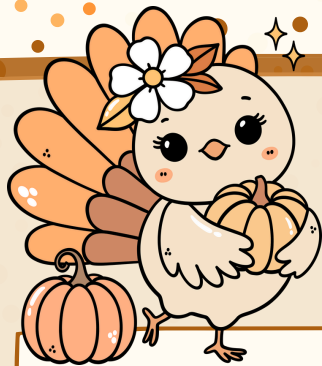
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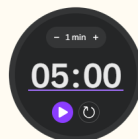
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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE? ←



TIME TO STAY?

1. Create or Open Your Presentation
2. Put your presentation in "Present" mode
 - a. Click Share → See More → Present OR
 - b. Click the two arrows in the bottom right corner to present
3. Click the three dots in the bottom right corner and select "show timer"



TOOLBOX

Classroomscreen-(Free Version) Timers, noise meters, and classroom visuals

StoryBird (Free Version) use artwork to assist with creative writing

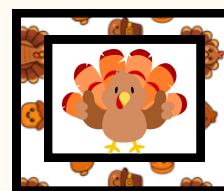
Rewordify-free tool to simplify complex text

SEASONAL SOUND MAPPING

Stop spending money on resources you can easily create for free! Have you seen the fun holiday sound mapping activities floating around? They're all made in Canva — and you can make them too!

1. Click Create and then select Poster
2. Under "Elements" use the search bar to find a background/border "Thanksgiving background"
 - a. Select the image you wish to use
 - b. Under elements type in "Square" (you want to select the one that is filed under "Shapes")
 - i. Move the square to fit on your page to give you a blank space with a border.
 - c. Under "elements" search for a image you wish to use for your mapping "turkey graphic with 6 feathers"
 - i. Select the image you wish to use and size it to your liking!

POSTER



*Share, download, download as a PDF. Put your creation in a pocket sleeve and let your students get to work!

GOOGLE SLIDES TO CANVA

Looking to take advantage of Canva's new features without having to recreate your existing lessons?

1. Select the presentation you wish to transfer from your downloads
2. Download your presentation as a PDF
3. On the main page in Canva select "Upload"
 - a. select your google presentation
4. This will bring you to your folder of creations where you can now use and edit your work

