Choral Reading
Literacy Skills / Oral Reading in Context & Fluency

Materials

1. Overhead transparency or individual copies of a text

Virginia SOLs

1.8, 2.7

Procedure

1. Choose a book or passage that is conducive to reading aloud as a group - typically a story with a repetitive verse or rhyme.

2. Use an overhead projector, or give each student a copy of the book or passage so that every student in the class has access to the text.

3. Read the passage or story to the students.

4. Have all students in the group form a reading chorus and read the story or passage aloud in unison. This exercise can be supportive and encouraging for shy children and struggling readers.
Phonics Phones
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Materials
1. PVC Pipes

Procedure
1. Use PVC pipe corners for students to practice reading familiar texts aloud, thus improving their fluency. By whispering into the pipe, the student's voice is amplified into their ear.

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Recorded Text
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Materials

1. Tape player with headphones
2. Audiotape
3. Books or poems appropriate for reading level
4. Microphone

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Procedure

1. Record the selected story, indicating when to turn the page.
2. Show students how to read along in the book as they listen to the tape.
3. If you have access to double headphones, two students can listen to and read a story together. Students may benefit from taking the tape and book home for additional practice.
4. Students may also record themselves reading a story aloud. It is helpful and exciting for students to hear themselves reading. They can re-record until they are pleased with a final reading.
5. VARIATION: There are a number of software programs that allow students to record their reading on the computer.