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Abstract:

The reading of real books is the ultimate aim of reading instruction and the hinge that opens the door to a lifelong love of reading. However there appears to be little available time for self-selected reading in today's test driven, standard's based curriculum. The time needed to achieve this goal of independent readers has taken a back seat to reading time filled with instruction on phonics and comprehension strategies. Children have been expected to "read when they finish their work" or "read when they have time." Educators face a three dimensional dilemma: teaching children how to read, providing time, space, and access to relevant literature in the classroom, and finally, instilling in children the desire to choose to read so they become lifelong readers. This study aimed to address the effects of reorganizing the classroom so that students spend more time actually reading than they do learning about reading. The study proposed that to increase student motivation to read by allowing self-selection of appropriately leveled books, providing time within the school day for independent reading, and engaging students in interactive book discussion activities with peers. Determining a valid approach to motivating students to do more wide reading is what educators counteract the decline in reading as students enter the intermediate grades and on into high school. The teacher researcher established her classroom as the treatment group in order to follow student preferences, volume, interest, and instructional reading level over a 10week period. Students in the intervention classroom received 20 minutes of independent reading time, self-selection of reading materials, and an additional time allotment of 10 minutes for literature based social activities and book talks. Data

from the intervention classroom included the following: (a) student surveys that addressed attitudes, and behaviors involving reading; (b) on-going reading logs and Student Record Report; (c) Accelerated Reader program that monitored reading volume; (d) Pre and post STAR Reading tests that measured instructional reading level and a reading range ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development); and, (e) observations and notes taken during book talks, as well as book wall contributions made by the treatment group. Several conclusions were reached at the end of this study. Students in the intervention classroom demonstrated several positive effects of the treatment: 1. Their motivation to read was increased through book talks and book wall contributions as meaning and personal connections were made to the text. 2. Their Instructional Reading Level (IRL) improved as observed in the correlation between pre and post scores on the STAR Reading Assessment. 3. Their self efficacy beliefs were increased as seen in students choosing books at a higher level, completing more books, and learning to make personal reflections of the literature. 4. Students demonstrated an increased eagerness to read and to be experiencing reading as an interactive social activity shared with peers. It can be concluded that a positive relationship exists between providing independent reading time and interactive book activities and the desire to read and continue reading.

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