

Can Using Art Overcome Writing Output Difficulties in Students with Learning Disabilities?

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Inquiry Question:

Why does the fusion of Art-Based Literacy (ABL), Responsive Classrooms (RC) & Self-Regulation Strategy Development (SRSD) work for students with LD?

Student art-based narratives create "memory-image" references that self-enable learners to sequence & coherently structure writing

Coupled with RC social-emotional learning environments & SR strategies, the ABL intervention yields promise of significant evidence-based literacy gains for students with

Recommendations:

- Low cost for schools & policy makers
- Engages all students as well as teachers
- Authentic joyful learning
- Closes longstanding achievement gaps

Application Writing ABL-RC-SRSD Competency Model Agency & **Autonomy Group Share** Adjusting & Enacting PLANNING **Strategies** REFLECTING



Modelling **Learning & Planning**

Goal set



PW Spring Writing Scores, Treatment vs. Comparison Groups - Subgroups

Comparative Summary of Writing Scores for Subgroups: Spring 2008

Research Supporting Art-based Literacy

Frankel ABL 2007-2010 Literacy Study:

- 1500 students, seventy (70) languages spoken, grades 1-4, & 2 ELL Magnet Programs, grades 1-5
- Visual, kinesthetic & verbal story creation illicits strong emotion that drives writing output

Effect sizes (2008):

All	1.85-4.8
At-Risk	1.54-4.6
SPED	1.72-4.6
ELL Mainstream	1.81-4.7
ELL Magnet	1.04-3.8

Statistically significant gains in each year of the study for all atrisk subgroups including "below benchmark readers"

(Frankel, 2010)

Self-reflect **Self-monitor** Plan

Work Session

Monitoring

Against Criteria

Literature share

Emotion & Motivation

Research Supporting RC:

RC fosters self-determination & spurs children's academic, social, and emotional growth through:

- · caring environments
- relationship building

Efficacy:

 reading & math literacy (effect size: reading 1.6-2.5 math 1.6-3.9)

(McTigue & Rimm-Kaufman, 2011)

Research Supporting SRSD:

Evidence base - 40 studies

- Improves writing knowledge, skills &
- Self-esteem, self-efficacy, motivation
- Goal setting, planning, self-reflection

(Harris, Graham & Santangelo, 2008)

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More studies on adolescents with LDs using ABL

Further Research Needed:

intervention effectiveness

(presently 2-3 years)

LDs

Teacher training to shorten RC

Effects of SRSD on standardized

test peformance of students with

Do students with LD consistently use SRSD skills in other genres

