Handout for: Understanding the Reading Brain: Building Capacity not Compliance Carolyn Strom, PhD

Highlight slides:

Notes, Connections, Questions:

Overview

Neuroscience of Reading Development: Principles & Processes to Build Capacity

Principle #1: Brain Plasticity

- Learning how to read is not like learning how to talk. But, because our brains are "plastic," we can repurpose parts of our brains to do it.
- Principle #2: Capacity for Neuronal Specialization
 - For reading, brain regions become increasingly specialized to recognize letter patterns and to process parts of written words.
- Principle #3: Automaticity
 - Reading for understanding requires word-level automaticity and extensive practice with different dimensions of words over time. Think "thrill & skill" over "drill & kill."

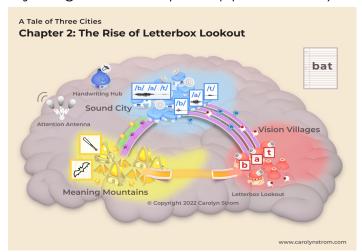
Key image from Principle #1 (Brain Plasticity):

Human beings *aren't wired* for written language. We *are wired* for spoken language (speaking & listening).

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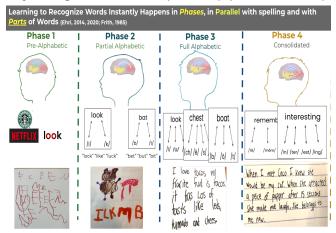
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Key image from Principle #3 (Automaticity)

<u>Overview of 11 Thrill to Skill Routines to Build Word-level Automaticity</u> Building and Connecting Sound City, Vision Villages, and Meaning Mountains

- Thrill to Skill Routines Set 1. Call explicit attention to sounds in words with:
 - o #1: I Hear with my Little Ear
 - o #2: Guess My Lunch
 - #3: Fiddle with the Middle (and Silly Questions)
 - o #4: Turtle Talk
 - #5: Bin & Spin Sound Sorts
- Thrill to Skill Routines Set 2. Map words in memorable ways to increase awareness of orthographic regularities and irregularities ("making the 'tricky' sticky")
 - o #6: Sound Spots
 - #7: "Sound it Down" Spelling & Dictation
- Thrill to Skill Routines Set 3. Repetition through playful routines
 - o #8: Word Games
 - #9: Anchor Charts
 - o #10: Word Play: Stories & Songs
 - #11: Fun with Fluency

Links featured in presentation:

Don't read like a robot (by Blazer Fresh)

Birthday song with phoneme swap (Phonics man)

Make your own wordle (https://mywordle.strivemath.com/?word)

Heart word magic gallery (Really great reading)

Sound spin (wheel of names)