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Student-Powered Accountable Reading Kit

Teacher Handbook

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Introducing the Scholastic Accountable Student Reading Framework

The Scholastic Accountable Student Reading Framework establishes a classroom-friendly protocol for accountable student-managed reading. It's an easy lift for teachers, and it helps students develop a habit of successful independent reading.

The Framework makes student-managed reading engaging as well as accountable. It comes to life in the S.P.A.R.K. Guide with text-centered activities that help students build comprehension, stamina, vocabulary, knowledge, and volume of reading.

Putting the Framework Into Action

The framework unfolds in three simple steps: 1) Set Up the Reading; 2) Structure the Reading; and 3) Review, Reinforce, & Extend. It's grounded in the S.P.A.R.K. Guide, which serves as students' GPS as they work through the framework, lending structure and accountability to their independent reading.

The Scholastic S.P.A.R.K. Accountable Student Reading Framework

1 Set Up the Reading (teacher-guided)

- Determine the reading plan—individuals, partners, small groups.
- Promote and support student book choice.

2 Structure the Reading (student-managed)

All steps are integrated in the S.P.A.R.K. Guide.

- Identify textual supports and barriers to understanding.
- Break the text into small, manageable parts.
- Establish a purpose for reading each part to focus students on important parts and support comprehension.

3 Review, Reinforce, & Extend (student-managed)

All steps are integrated in the S.P.A.R.K. Guide.

- Provide activities students may complete after reading the book.
- Writing about reading
- Reflecting on reading through after-reading activities

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The S.P.A.R.K. Guide Brings the Framework to Life

S.P.A.R.K. Guides for each book steer students through the steps of the Scholastic Accountable Student Reading Framework step by step to optimize their reading.

1 Set Up the Reading

Teacher establishes procedures and expectations.

2 Structure the Reading

“Look for...” identifies textual supports and barriers to understanding.

Section designations break up the text into manageable sections.

Boldface instructions establish a purpose for reading each part to focus students on important ideas and support comprehension.

Text-based questions guide students to respond after reading each part.

3 Review, Reinforce, & Extend

Write Now

Offers student writers a choice of prompts to increase motivation and ownership of the task. Writing “Hints” guide them to focus on specific ways to craft their responses.

Reflect on reading activities provide engaging options for students to respond creatively to the reading and reflect on the meaning of the text.

Section

Look For...

Boldface Instructions

Reflect on Reading activities

Text-Based Questions

Write Now

Test Yourself

Brainwork

Wild Facts About Animal Brains

Book Review: The Brain Is Kind of a Big Deal