



November/December 2014

November Webcast

The November webcast will be available on November 18. The webcast is required for all RTA teachers and the link will be emailed that morning. Although there is no specific time for it to be viewed, please view it before school is dismissed for the Thanksgiving break. Thanks to all who submitted video clips to be shown on the webcast.

Intervention Tab Questions

RTA students should already be entered in the Intervention Tab. If a student exits intervention, enters a different intervention, or moves, the student's tab should be updated at that time. That will save you a lot of work at the end of the year. To update a student record, search for the student and double click on the box containing the information previously entered. This will bring up the original screen that you used when you entered the student. You can then record an ending date, the hours of intervention received, and an ending service result. Please note that the *materials codes* are to be entered on the right side of the page across from *intervention material*. The *intervention material* is #5, a vendor program.

- The material codes are:
 - Early Intervention in Reading 2206
 - Reading Mastery 2229
 - Reading Recovery 2231
 - CIM 2202

(If you used incorrect codes, a good time to update them would be when you are exiting students.)

- The intervention staff is #1, a certified teacher.
- Delivery method is on site, in person, and the frequency should be daily
- The comment box should be minimal – the name of the initial assessment and the numerical score.

If there are any question, call or email me at Judith.halasek@education.ky.gov .

Important Dates

October 30 - Student Information was due in the Intervention Tab

November 18 - Second Required Webcast

January 15 - Program Evaluation Report due in Survey Monkey

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Program Evaluation Report

Thanks to all who completed the program evaluation survey and submitted the information in Survey Monkey before the September 30 deadline. Some interesting facts from that survey include:

- There are 105 teachers new to RTA this year.
- 41 RTA teachers have served in the role for ten years.
- More than 80% of schools began RTA instruction within the first three weeks of school.
- Less than 10% of teachers have groups of six or more.
- 75% of EIR teachers feel fairly confident about delivering instruction.
- Over 90% of Reading Recovery teachers feel very confident or fairly confident about delivering instruction.
- More than 85% of CIM teachers feel very confident or fairly confident about delivering instruction.
- Over 10% of RTA are Nationally Board Certified.

Close Reading

Many of us who attended the KRA Conference were fortunate enough to hear Douglas Fisher speak about close reading. The key features he discussed are:

1. Short passages
2. Complex text
3. Limited frontloading
4. Repeated readings
5. Text-dependent questions

You can learn more about close reading at http://fisherandfrey.com/uploads/posts/Close_Reading_Elem.pdf fisherandfrey.com

Contacts

Every teacher and principal of an RTA school should receive this newsletter. If you know of someone who is not on the contact list and wishes to be, please let me know. If you are receiving this update and want to be removed from the contact list I also need to know that.

