




## Lesson 3

# Lesson Highlights

- Reading skills and strategies can be taught effectively and efficiently when instruction is robust, systematic, and integrated across the content areas.
- A number of essential components are required for the effectiveness of every reading program:
  - Initial and ongoing professional development for reading
  - Administrative support for and commitment to reading
  - Instructional reading assessments
  - Comprehensive effective reading instruction in:
    - Phonemic awareness
    - Phonics
    - Fluency
    - Vocabulary
    - Comprehension
- Exemplary literacy instruction is a multifaceted process, which involves teachers planning assessment-based instruction that incorporates research-based practices.
- Exemplary and powerful instruction from knowledgeable teachers is the key to early reading achievement.
- Significant time must be dedicated in every classroom to reading instruction and reading practice.
- The successful implementation of exemplary reading instruction requires quality professional preparation and continuous professional growth.
- Secondary teachers should integrate reading and writing across the content areas.
- Teachers in all grade levels need to model strategies, provide scaffolded support, and offer students many opportunities to interact with others and apply new knowledge.
- An effective literacy program for the secondary school grades must focus on



developmental, functional, and recreational literacy. Students need ongoing explicit instruction in the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the content areas.

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