

Lesson: What Independent Reading Looks Like

Subject Area: Reading

Common Core Standards:

Supplies Needed:

- Chart paper
- Markers
- Individual student book bags or baskets

Procedure:

- Ask students what independent reading should look like.
- Record responses on chart paper.
 - Students reading the whole time
 - Quiet/ whisper voice if buddy reading or discussing with a friend
 - Students choose a spot where they will stay the whole time
 - Eyes and mind on the book
 - All students reading “just right” books
 - Teacher is reading with individual students
 - (Record other relevant suggestions from students)
- As a class, discuss what everyone needs to do to make independent reading work.
- Have students get book bags or baskets and find a good reading spot to practice what’s on the chart paper. Begin independent reading time.
- When independent reading time is over, gather together and discuss what went well and what the class needs to work on. It might be a good idea to record student responses so that you can review what to continue and what to work on the following day.

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