

The Joyful Reading Approach: Concerns Addressed

Do joyful and engaging shared reading experiences work with my existing curriculum?

The answer is yes! It totally works with your curriculum. In fact, it works with all curriculums: national, state, and district.

Here is why. A curriculum tells you what to teach. But interweaving joyful, engaging shared reading experiences throughout the day is NOT a curriculum. It is an approach, or a way, to help achieve the goals of your curriculum! It will not only completely support your curriculum—it will enhance it.

Do shared reading experiences work with my reading program?

Many schools use purchased reading programs that provide reading lessons and activities. Like a curriculum, they tell you what to teach and in what order. They often provide a scope and sequence. They also serve as a guide, outlining your end-of-year student goals.

Does the Joyful Reading Approach work with your purchased reading program? Yes! It works with all reading programs. This is because immersing your students in shared reading experiences throughout the day is not a reading program, nor is it a substitute for a reading program. Rather, it's a way to build the reading foundation that your students need to succeed in your reading program. It supports whatever reading program you use. Also, because shared reading experiences are woven into your existing daily routines, activities, and lessons, they do not require additional instructional time. They do not take time away from your reading program.

Do shared reading experiences cost money or require additional paperwork?

No! Joyful and engaging shared reading experiences do not cost you or your school any additional money. There are no required expenditures. And they do not require additional paperwork. Don't think of shared reading experiences as an additional "thing to do." Rather, think of them as a way to make your teaching work better!