



CURIE LITERACY INITIATIVE

MONDAY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA OCTOBER 15, 2007

GRADUAL RELEASE FRAMEWORK

1. Introduction to Gradual Release of Responsibility Framework

This model was created by Douglas Fisher, taken from the work of Pearson and Gallagher (1983) and based on Vygotsky's Zones of Proximal Development and the idea of scaffolding instruction and teaching in the zone.

2. Large Group Discussion: Why would the gradual release framework lead to increased student motivation?
3. Cross-disciplinary Small Groups: Compare gradual release with the other 3 models of instruction. What are the pros and cons of each model?
4. Reports from Groups
5. Presentation of Research on Motivation
6. Large Group Discussion: What do teachers do to make the collaborative process more meaningful?

Homework: Please monitor your own classroom to see how much and how effectively you use Gradual Release Theory in your own instruction. We will refer to this in next week's session.

REFLECTION

How much do the ideas behind the Gradual Release Framework already influence my planning and classroom implementation of instruction?

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