



CURIE LITERACY INITIATIVE

MONDAY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA OCTOBER 22, 2007

LESSON-PLANNING WITH THE GRADUAL RELEASE FRAMEWORK

1. Facilitator will share a gradual release lesson that he or she has implemented.
2. Large Group Discussion: What are the benefits of gradual release and when should each stage be implemented?
3. Small Group Collaboration: Each group will look at one of the gradual release lessons in the binders.
 - Please read the sequence of the lesson out loud so all members can hear it.
 - Please discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the lesson and write comments that can be used to improve implementation of lesson.
 - Each group will use the lesson plan template to construct another lesson idea in the same content area. These will be added to our collection of resources.
4. Large Group Discussion: What are roadblocks to planning for gradual release and how can we get past them?

Please plan and implement a gradual release lesson that takes one or more day of instruction in your content area before Monday, December 3rd. Bring materials to that Monday meeting. You will have time to plan these lessons with your department on Wednesday, October 31st.

REFLECTION

What are your current thoughts about adding gradual release or improving/adding to your current implementation of gradual release?

name: _____ department: _____ CRI period: _____