

ESL Reading September 5, 2008

I passed out copies of the sheet (How we think and Learn) "The Seven Habits of Successful Readers"

As I read out loud the students followed.

My presentation was reading and listening along with some research via internet.

Each student received a copy of the southwest Parent magazine.

As a class we came out with questions relating the pictures of the front cover with the magazines title.

The students took some time to look through the magazine.

Questions were asked such as:

1. What kind of magazine is this? Community
2. What is the focus of this magazine? Babies
3. Who does it target? Parents
4. How much did this magazine cost me? Free
5. Can you find more than 6 advertisements in this magazine and on what pages?
6. What other type of information can we find in this magazine?

The students were asked to turn to page 6.

Questions were asked about the title on top of the page.

Where do you find Dr. Robert Wallace?.

On page 6 each student read a paragraph.

I asked if there were any unfamiliar words as we completed each section

Who was asking for advise? What kind of advise was given? Who gave the advise?

What is Dr. Robert Wallace's profession? How can you write to Dr. Wallace?

Since Dr. Wallace's e-mail was missing, I had the students enter the southwestparent.com web site. The student's were instructed to read through the web site and search for Dr. Wallace's e-mail.

ESL Standards:

Listen actively 1.3 High beginning (Attend to oral communication)

Read with understanding for ESL

1.3 Purpose

2.3 Decoding

4.3 Locating Information

5.3 Comprehension

The Seven Habits of Successful Readers



Good readers are not more intelligent than readers who struggle. Some of the brightest people in the world have trouble reading. People who struggle with reading can become successful readers. Good readers develop habits that help them to increase their comprehension skills. It is not necessarily easy, but it can be done.

The Habits of Successful Readers

1. They get their minds ready and think while they read
2. They connect what they already know with what they are trying to learn
3. They are curious and ask questions while they read
4. They predict what will happen next
5. They draw inferences (read between the lines)
6. They act as word detectives
7. They monitor their understanding

Think About It

Look at the list of habits above.

1. Are there any words you wonder about?
2. Do all the habits make sense?

The following pages describe in more detail each of these habits. They include questions and exercises that will help you better understand what it takes to be a good reader.