

Best Science of Reading Strategies for Helping Struggling Readers (Grades 1-6)



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Award-Winning Science of Reading Expert, Author, and Presenter

**Specifically Designed for Educators Serving Students in
Grades 1-6: Classroom Teachers, Reading Specialists, Literacy
Coaches, Title I Staff, Special Education Staff, Instructional Assistants,
Interventionists, and Administrators**

The most up-to-date information on the Science of Reading, including practical suggestions to help struggling readers and writers

Practical techniques, rooted in reading science, that address intervening with struggling readers to help them with crucial reading and writing skills

Dozens of highly practical strategies and activities to strengthen your struggling students' phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, fluency, spelling, writing, and oral language skills— no matter what literacy program you use

Receive an extensive Science of Reading digital resource handbook filled with ideas to help your struggling students experience greater success

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and take the seminar online at
your convenience (see page 6)

*"Heather was amazing
and provided SO much
wonderful information!"*

— LORENA GONZALEZ,
LITERACY COACH

Ten Key Benefits of Attending

"I love the strategies and the games shared! They are really helpful and my students will definitely have fun while learning how to read! Thank you!"

– INGRID ESTOLONIO,
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER



Who Should Attend

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- 1. Learn the Best Science of Reading Strategies to Help Your Struggling Readers**
Discover the best Science of Reading tools and strategies to help you provide the most effective reading interventions for your struggling readers
- 2. Explicit, Science-Based Techniques in All Five Pillars of Reading to Help Your Struggling Readers Overcome Difficulties**
Learn direct, explicit teaching techniques you can use to help students in grades 1-6 who are struggling to decode or comprehend ... Proven ideas you can use immediately
- 3. Strengthen Brain Pathways to Help Students who are Struggling to Acquire new Reading Skills**
Understand how reading develops in both the typical reader's brain and the struggling reader's brain and learn practical techniques to improve key reading pathways and promote orthographic mapping
- 4. Leverage Research-Based, Science of Reading Techniques to Strengthen Essential Foundational Skills**
Learn why phonemic awareness instruction is integral to spelling success for all readers and writers, even in intermediate grades ... Maximize your teaching time by focusing on the most critical skills that will boost decoding and spelling
- 5. What Causes Poor Reading Fluency, and How Can Science of Reading Help?**
Gain a wealth of strategies, rooted in the science of reading, for building or correcting the foundational literacy skills that lead to automaticity in word recognition and reading fluency
- 6. Best Explicit Vocabulary Routines to Promote Orthographic Mapping and Develop Comprehension Skills**
Discover simple, highly effective instructional routines that support vocabulary acquisition, reading fluency, and comprehension
- 7. Boost Word Recognition with Techniques That Improve Students' Orthographic Mapping**
Gain research-based instructional techniques that help all students master the sound-letter associations and patterns critical to the development of strong word recognition skills, including hard-to-master high-frequency irregular words
- 8. Discover High-Powered Instructional Routines to Explicitly Teach Comprehension and Critical Thinking**
Explore evidence-based strategies that strengthen the cognitive processes that support comprehension. Gain easy-to-use lesson planning frameworks and templates for both fiction and non-fiction texts
- 9. Improve Screening, Assessing, and Teaching Students Experiencing Reading Difficulties**
Learn the critical components needed to screen for gaps in reading skills and simple diagnostic tools you can use in your classroom ... Learn how to teach and assess your students in grades 1-6
- 10. Receive a Comprehensive Digital Resource Handbook for Using Science of Reading to Help Your Struggling Readers**
Return to your school with an extensive digital resource handbook filled with ideas, strategies and step-by-step instructions designed to help you use the Science of Reading to help your struggling readers

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

What You Will Learn ...

- Science of Reading **strategies that work** for all students, but are essential for struggling readers and writers, especially those who demonstrate characteristics of dyslexia
- **Outstanding research-based teaching techniques and tools** for teaching all 5 pillars of reading to proficiency in grades 1-6
- **Information on brain pathways** critical to successful reading and what this means for instruction with struggling readers
- The latest research on the **cognitive and neurological factors underlying many reading difficulties**, and how this can inform instruction
- **Simple ways** to determine the critical reading needs of students in your classroom and how to group for instruction based on these needs
- **How to more easily assess your students' skills** in the most important areas related to reading, decoding and spelling
- **How to implement** highly successful intervention strategies rooted in reading science
- **Specific activities** to promote phonemic awareness skills – critical for success with all students and especially those with reading difficulties
- How to implement **appropriate interventions** in an RTI or MTSS model
- **Dozens of strategies** to help students develop fluency, including automatic recognition of high-frequency irregular words
- How to more efficiently determine what type of reading instruction **benefits different types of readers**
- **Ready-to-use instructional sequences and lesson planning templates** that support the comprehension of fiction and non-fiction texts, and provide scaffolds for writing
- **Proven, multimodal teaching techniques rooted in the Science of Reading**



"I found Heather's presentation to be informative and inspiring!"

– SHARON COLLIER, TITLE I TEACHER

Practical Ideas and Strategies

Are you looking for the most effective ways to better help your students, especially those who are struggling in reading, writing, and spelling? In this **NEW** seminar by **HEATHER KENNY**, you'll learn the most up-to-date information on Science of Reading strategies and gain resources designed to boost success for struggling students in grades 1-6. The most current information on brain research related to reading, and highly practical ways to increase reading, writing and spelling success, will be explained in clear, use-tomorrow terms. You will learn targeted interventions to maximize your teaching time, improve literacy outcomes, and motivate your students who are currently struggling and feeling discouraged. You'll leave the seminar with numerous, evidence-based interventions you can use immediately to target your students' specific reading needs, so they can experience greater literacy success.



A Message From Seminar Leader, Heather Kenny



Uniquely Qualified Instructor

HEATHER KENNY is an outstanding Science of Reading expert and national presenter. Over the course of her 25+ year career in education, she has served as a classroom teacher and literacy tutor. Heather now works with teachers, schools, and districts to support other educators in implementing practical, science-based instructional techniques that can improve literacy outcomes for all students. Heather understands the challenges that today's educators face, especially as they strive to address the needs of struggling readers. She is passionate about empowering teachers with the latest science-based knowledge and skills so that they are well-equipped to provide their students—particularly those who struggle—with optimally-effective literacy instruction.

Dear Colleague:

As teachers, we are committed to providing our students with the strongest possible foundation in literacy, ensuring they have the skills they need to succeed in school and in life. But we also know that helping every student become a confident reader is no easy task! We've all worked with students who struggle with reading, writing and spelling, despite our best efforts to support them. Fortunately, we now have ready access to research-based insights and strategies that can make a significant difference for them.

Thanks to advancements in the Science of Reading, we better understand how reading develops in the brain and why some students face challenges in learning to read fluently. The good news is that proven, research-based instructional techniques can help struggling readers strengthen their literacy skills—enabling them to build the strong reading foundation they need to succeed. Even better, these same techniques can accelerate the literacy growth of all students in grades 1-6!

Throughout my career as a teacher, I have gathered a wealth of highly practical strategies, resources, and techniques to support struggling readers in the classroom. I am excited to spend the day with you and our fellow educators, exploring evidence-based reading strategies that you can take back to your classroom to help your students gain confidence and improve their reading skills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Kenny".

Heather Kenny

P.S. As an experienced educator, I understand the unique challenges you face daily in your instruction. This seminar is designed to give you and your struggling students **a pathway to greater success!**

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What Your Colleagues Say About Heather Kenny

*"This was super helpful! **Received refreshers as well as new strategies I am excited to try out in my classroom, starting as soon as tomorrow!** I feel empowered to take some of these ideas back to my colleagues and administrators."*

– Danielle Villhard, Second Grade Teacher

*"Excellent seminar! Heather was very clear and knowledgeable in her explanations of the science behind reading. **I'm excited to incorporate the provided resources, activities, links, and ideas in my classroom. I took a lot away from this.** Thank you again!"*

Christina Noyes, Grade 1 Teacher

*"Heather was able to explain the SOR in an effective way. What was presented was **extremely helpful, and the day was engaging and full of information.**"*

– Sarah Shecrallah, Literacy Coach

*"I really enjoyed this seminar. I loved the different strategies to get struggling and reluctant readers excited and engaged in reading. **I enjoyed that there were interactive aspects of the seminar as well as examples and ideas for each strategy so we could see them in practice and learn how to use them in the classroom.**"*

– Katelyn Way, Teacher



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to implement in our
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- Information to share with colleagues on reading pathways in the brain and how to support your struggling readers in building those pathways to experience literacy success
- Dozens of Science of Reading games and activities that can enhance any curriculum in grades 1-6

Meet and Share

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to meet and ideas with other educators interested in new ways of helping their struggling young readers.

Consultation Available

Heather Kenny will be available for consultation regarding your questions and the unique needs of your own program.

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