

Finding the Balance: Integrating **READING WORKSHOP** and the **SCIENCE OF READING** (Grades K-3)



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

Amy Stark

Outstanding Teacher, Author and International Presenter

Specifically Designed for Grades K-3: Classroom Teachers, Reading Specialists, Literacy Coaches, Title I Staff, Special Education Staff, Instructional Assistants, Interventionists, and Administrators

Practical ways to **balance the very best of reading workshop with the Science of Reading**

Engage your entire class in practical, powerful reading activities – from your struggling students to those ready for greater challenges

Proven strategies to help you better organize, manage, and deliver reading instruction that will enable greater success for students

Receive an extensive “finding the balance” digital resource handbook packed with a wealth of practical, use-tomorrow strategies

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November 13

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*"This was the best seminar
I have ever attended! I
have a TON of fun ideas
to begin utilizing tomorrow!"*

– KATIE SCHWENGER, TEACHER

Ten Key Benefits of Attending

*'FANTASTIC
presenter and
great resources! I
am bringing back
so many new tools
to my classroom.
Thank you, Amy!'*

– CATIE CONROY, TEACHER



Who Should Attend

Grades K-3: Classroom Teachers, Reading Specialists, Literacy Coaches, Title I Staff, Special Education Staff, Instructional Assistants, Interventionists, and Administrators

- 1. Strengthen Your Reading Workshop Program with the Science of Reading**
Explore dozens of the very best, practical strategies from both reading workshop and Science of Reading to help your grades K-3 students achieve maximum reading growth
- 2. Foster and Support Strong Fluency Growth**
Discover instructional techniques, materials and activities that help students read more fluently, building higher capacity for comprehension ... Acquire engaging strategies to help students practice all dimensions of fluent reading – not just “reading fast”
- 3. Address the Critical Components of Early Literacy**
Gain practical, highly effective ways to address phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency ... Learn how to successfully incorporate critical early literacy components within a Science of Reading-based workshop model
- 4. Practical Strategies to Strengthen Whole and Small Group Instruction**
Explore practical strategies to meet the needs of ALL learners ... Practical whole and small group strategies designed to help balance your reading workshop with the Science of Reading
- 5. Boost Your Students’ Reading Skills and Confidence**
Learn practical ways to create highly effective and engaging lessons – using any reading curriculum ... Explore a collection of activities, strategies, and easy-to-incorporate tools for strengthening grades K-3 reading skills
- 6. Powerful Strategies for Delivering High-Impact Mini-Lessons**
Make every instructional minute count! ... Strengthen the impact of your reading workshop mini-lessons by structuring them to include early literacy Science of Reading skills
- 7. Work SMARTER, Not Harder to Plan Your Reading Instruction**
Discover efficient ways to integrate the best of reading workshop with the Science of Reading, and practical ways to find the balance without feeling overwhelmed
- 8. Powerful Strategies for Delivering High-Impact Mini-Lessons**
Make every instructional minute count! ... Learn how to strengthen the impact your mini-lessons and make key up-front decisions about what’s best taught in mini-lessons versus other instructional settings
- 9. The Best FREE Resources to Enrich Your Reading Instruction**
Discover FREE classroom-tested resources readily available to supplement and enhance your existing curriculum ... Explore a host of FREE resources you can immediately incorporate into your phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension lessons as well as FREE decodable resources
- 10. Receive a Comprehensive “Finding the Balance” Digital Resource Handbook**
You’ll receive a comprehensive digital resource handbook, specifically designed for this seminar, and packed with practical strategies, techniques and activities ... Leave with a wealth of outstanding resources you can use immediately

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

What You Will Learn ...

- **The best, practical ways** to integrate reading workshop and the Science of Reading – using your existing reading curriculum
- **How to more effectively organize your reading block** from start to finish using explicit instruction and engaging literature
- How to **use Artificial Intelligence to produce decodable activities** that strengthen ALL students' reading skills – above, on, and below level
- **Highly engaging reading lessons** that will excite your students and meet their diverse needs
- **Subtle, yet powerful shifts** you can make to your existing reading workshop program to maximize your students' reading skills growth
- Easy-to-incorporate strategies to **strengthen reading response**
- **How to excite students about reading** using the best of reading workshop and Science of Reading
- Innovative ways to **strengthen your explicit and systematic phonics** instruction
- Practical, realistic strategies for **differentiating reading instruction** using both decodable texts and leveled readers
- **How to help struggling readers** move from “pretend reading” to a focus on words and the letters and patterns that form them
- Engaging techniques that **improve reading fluency and build higher capacity for comprehension**
- **Dozens of engaging activities** designed to strengthen ALL students' phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency and comprehension skills



Amazing! Such great info and resources that I cannot wait to use with my students!

– ALYSSA BARAN, TEACHER

Practical Ideas and Strategies

As reading educators, we see students enter our classrooms each year with diverse literacy backgrounds and abilities. We understand the importance of meeting them where they are. However, we often face a dilemma: should we adopt reading workshop, which prioritizes cultivating a love for reading and comprehension through authentic experiences – or should we embrace the Science of Reading, which focuses on explicitly, systematically teaching foundational skills such as phonemic awareness and phonics? Rather than choosing one over the other, why not integrate the strengths of both approaches? If you're seeking practical solutions to this challenge, this day is for you! In this **NEW** seminar, **AMY STARK** will share classroom-proven strategies and resources for integrating the best of reading workshop and the Science of Reading. Learn how to effectively combine explicit mini-lessons and small reading groups with engaging activities from the reading workshop model. **Seamlessly integrate the very best of both these approaches into your reading instruction. You will leave with numerous ideas you can use right away!**



A Message From Seminar Leader, Amy Stark



Uniquely Qualified Instructor

AMY STARK is a National Board Certified Teacher, author and international presenter. Amy is a current elementary school teacher who brings significant firsthand know-how, having successfully integrated the Science of Reading in her own reading workshop. Amy is passionate about equipping grades K-3 teachers with highly effective strategies for integrating the BEST of both into their existing reading programs. Drawing from her many years as a classroom teacher, Amy's seminars are fast-paced, interactive and engaging, and packed with use-tomorrow strategies. She is also the author of *Finding the Balance: Integrating READING WORKSHOP and the SCIENCE OF READING (Grades K-3)*, the extensive digital resource handbook you will receive at the seminar. **Join Amy for a day full of valuable resources, ideas, and tasks to maximize student learning and engagement in reading. Leave with a wealth of motivating, engaging, and successful approaches for integrating the best of reading workshop and the Science of Reading into your existing reading program.**

Dear Colleague:

Like you, I grapple daily with the challenge of incorporating the changing views of reading instruction. Whether you were trained in reading workshop or the Science of Reading, we all know that there is not ONE approach to reading that is the most effective. Each approach has its benefits. So, why not integrate the very best from both?

I've crafted this seminar to offer practical resources and solutions for seamlessly integrating both reading workshop and the Science of Reading. The best part – you can immediately incorporate all the strategies and ideas I will share into your existing reading program, and you can trust they'll yield results. Each activity, concept, and lesson I present has proven successful in my own classroom and in those of the teachers with whom I work.

In addition to receiving my comprehensive digital resource handbook you'll gain a wealth of practical ideas for maximizing your reading instruction to better meet the needs of ALL your diverse learners. We'll look at how to get started, see real-world examples from grades K-3 classrooms, and you'll acquire highly effective tools and strategies. My goal is to give you the best, most practical, and successful techniques.

Be prepared to step into your students' shoes as I demonstrate these engaging, use-tomorrow activities and approaches. I look forward to sharing a wealth of practical ideas and teaching strategies to help you integrate the best of reading workshop with the Science of Reading to greatly enhance your reading instruction.

Sincerely,

Amy T. Stark

P.S. You'll leave feeling inspired, excited, and ready to elevate your reading program with the best practices from both reading workshop and the Science of Reading.

"The best part - you can immediately incorporate all the strategies and ideas I will share into your existing reading program, and you can trust they'll yield results."

What Your Colleagues Say About Amy Stark

*"I really enjoyed Amy's seminar! **Lots of amazing resources** and tangible things I am taking away with me."*

– Chrissy Hughes, Teacher

*"Fabulous job introducing and helping merge a variety of resources! **Amy's Padlet is wonderful!**"*

– Adrienne Lawson Schmidt, Instructional Coach

*"Loved the seminar. **Amy provided tons of ideas** I can integrate into my classroom."*

– Christina Bilodeau, Teacher

*"**This seminar was excellent!** Lots of resources to take back to my classroom. Amy did a great job keeping us all engaged and excited to learn."*

– Tionna Givens, Teacher

*"**Amy Stark is a very experienced and engaging presenter.** I like how she shared a variety of practical ideas that teachers with different needs and styles can use."*

– Dana Wessel, Inclusive Education Coordinator



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- The best, highly practical ways to integrate reading workshop and Science of Reading to increase student reading success
- Information, strategies, and FREE online resources to support your integration of the best of reading workshop and the Science of Reading
- Multiple ways to support the application of explicit, systematic phonics instruction
- Meaningful word work tasks that deepen skill development and provide independent reading and writing practice
- Activities that greatly enhance active participation, while strengthening the reading skills of ALL students
- Dozens of easy-to-implement classroom strategies and activities to support phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension

Share Ideas

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to share ideas with other educators interested in finding the balance between integrating reading workshop and the Science of Reading.

Consultation Available

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

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