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Did you know? Students are able to record themselves reading a book out loud. This is a good way for students to measure their own reading fluency. And without embarrassment. Sometimes reading out loud when others can hear makes students really nervous. Now they can read out loud in private and playback the recording. How about giving them a rubric they can use to assess themselves?

Reading: Make a deposit

If you watched Library News on 11/9, you'll remember that I spoke on the importance of reading for Vocabulary Acquisition.

The analogy I used was a banking one. I don't normally like to use monetary analogies when it comes to reading, but I thought it would help students gain a better understanding.

So let me recap. When we deposit money into our bank accounts, it increases our spending choices. If I have \$20 in my piggy bank, I can purchase items no more than \$20. If I have \$50, then I can purchase items that cost up to \$50. Obviously, the more money I have, the more variety of items I can choose to purchase. Some people call idea this Spending Power.

Reading is like that. Our brains are our bank account. The vocabulary in the books is the money. Reading is depositing. So, the more I read, the more words I am "depositing." And the more words I have in my brain , my bank account, the more words I can use to communicate my ideas. (Here the analogy breaks down a bit. Buy merchandise doesn't quite parallel with communicating in a positive way.)

If I have words like "duh, uhm, like, see, go, very," you won't be able to communicate your ideas well. Who would listen to this" "Well, like I said, I think, maybe, we should, you know, like take care of the, you know, plants and things."

Using the words – vital, steward, life depending, responsibility – people will more likely listen. And agree.

Roundtable

Learning Pods, PLCs, Team Meetings, SAC, ILT,...oh, my. I've decided to forego Roundtables for a while. Our attendance numbers were very low anyway. However, you may schedule time to meet with me to learn or go over information tools. Read and deposit rich, meaningful words in your account.

Focus for Nov/Dec: Paint 3D		
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<text></text>	Outlook Calendar – this calendar is now for scheduling all computer labs and the library media center. Simply look at the calendar, see what days are available, and email your request(s).	<section-header></section-header>

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