Fourth and Fifth Grade
Student Center Activities

Advanced Phonics
and
Fluency

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Introduction

During the spring 2004 Florida Reading First school site visits, staff from the Florida Center for Reading Research (FCRR) determined that teachers may benefit from classroom materials that would be immediately useful in implementing independent Student Center Activities.

In 2004-2005, a team of teachers at FCRR reviewed current research, collected ideas, and created materials for use in kindergarten and first grade classrooms. These Student Center Activities (K-1 Project), Teacher Resource Guide, and accompanying Professional Development DVD can be accessed at: http://www.fcrr.org/activities/.

In 2005-2006, a team of teachers at FCRR reviewed current research, collected ideas, and created materials for use in second and third grade classrooms. These Student Center Activities (2-3 Project), Teacher Resource Guide and accompanying Professional Development DVD can be accessed at: http://www.fcrr.org/Curriculum/studentCenterActivities23.htm.

As the K-1 and 2-3 Projects were implemented in Reading First schools and many other schools across Florida, requests came for Student Center Activities for grades four and five. In 2006-2007, FCRR developed Student Center Activities for fourth and fifth grades (4-5 Project). The 4-5 Project includes a DVD containing Professional Development and three books:

1. Advanced Phonics and Fluency Student Center Activities
2. Vocabulary and Comprehension Student Center Activities
3. Teacher Resource Guide (accompanied by a DVD)

The first two books contain Activity Plans and Activity Masters ready for immediate use in classrooms. The third book is an informative guide offering important insights on differentiated instruction and how to use the Student Center materials.

When considering Florida’s formula, 5 + 3 + ii + iii = No Child Left Behind, please note that four of the five reading components are covered in the Fourth and Fifth grade Student Center Activities. The Activities will directly support your efforts to provide effective initial instruction, because they will help you provide differentiated instruction to meet the needs of every child.

I hope you and your students enjoy these activities,

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