# How's a Picture Worth 1,000 Words in Math and Science?



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#### Talk About It



#### Discuss with someone... What do you see?





## In a minute, but not yet...

Physically turn to your partner and discuss the following question.





How has the evolution of this utensil affected humanity?



#### **Observe and Report**

At your table, discuss some noteworthy aspects of any similarities and differences that you noticed between the two conversations.

Select a member to share your observations regarding the activity.



# Rules of Engagement

- Face your partner(s)
- Use eye contact
- Listen attentively
- Disagree politely
- Share connections
- Express reactions/emotions
- Ask follow-up questions







## Session Objectives

Today's session will demonstrate strategies for increasing student engagement through the integrated use of:

- Substantive Student Conversations
- Visual Literacy
- Higher-Order Questioning



#### Turn and Talk

Purpose: Use physical position to facilitate academic collaboration among students.

Length: Varies according to task



### Turn and Talk: Reflection

- How does establishing rules for engagement encourage on-task behaviors?
- How does this strategy help students become better at expressing their understanding?



# Types of Turn and Talk

- Think-Pair-Share
- Round Table Discussion
- Round Robin
- Meaningful Mingle
- Chat n Check







# Talk to your neighbor about ...

#### Fertilizer Comparison Chart



## Visual Literacy

Visual representations of text help a reader see the information again.

A graphic "re-presentation" allows readers to see relationships, understand organization, connect ideas, and make abstract ideas concrete.



## Create Meaning with Visuals

- Interactive Notebooks
- Graphs, charts, diagrams, photos
- Graphic Organizers
- Folding Organizers











# Pictorial Representations, Charts and Graphs











## Visual Literacy

Visual information absorbed while simultaneously listening can improve understanding of spoken words by as much as *six fold*. (Science Daily, 2009)



## Advance Organizers

- An advance organizer is information presented by an instructor that helps the student organize new incoming information.
- This is achieved by directing attention to what is important in the coming material, highlighting relationships, and providing a reminder about relevant prior knowledge.



## Advance Organizers

Advance organizers make it easier to learn new material of a complex or otherwise difficult nature, provided the following two conditions are met:

- The student must process and understand the information presented in the organizer—this increases the effectiveness of the organizer itself.
- 2. The organizer must indicate the relationship among the basic concepts and terms that will be used.



# Advance Organizer Examples



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# Graphic Organizers

Graphic organizers are illustrations used to organize and highlight key content information and vocabulary

Critical elements:

- Teacher provides direct instruction on how to develop various graphic organizers
- Organizers are student created



# Venn Diagrams





## Frayer Model









#### Attribute Chart



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## Word or Concept Map



### Word or Concept Map



#### Your Turn!



What are some examples?

#### Vocabulary Instruction through Total Physical Response



"Raise the Roof..."

Used to express a larger value; upwards; above

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## Building Vocabulary

#### Good





#### **Better**

#### Convection Convection Radiation







## Higher Order Thinking Skills

Evaluating

Analyzing

Applying

Understanding

Remembering

#### Bloom's Revised Taxonomy & Critical Questioning

**Creating** ... can the student create new product or point of view?

... can the student justify a stand or decision?

... can the student distinguish between the different parts?

... can the student use the information in a new way?

... can the student explain ideas or concepts?

... can the student recall or remember the information?



## Great Expectations?

Think of a question that you would pose to your students... write the question on the handout.

Now review the Q-Chart and Critical Thinking Question Stems. Where would the question fall in terms of complexity and higher order thinking skills?



#### Q-Chart: Higher Order Questioning

	ls	Did	Can	Would	Will	Might
What	Least Ca					
Where		Plex				
When						
Which						
How					Mos	Complex
Why						Plex

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#### Raising the Bar: Setting High(er) Expectations

- Reframe the question to offer a higher level of cognitive thinking for the student.
- When could this type of questioning be used to cognitively challenge students?
- Be prepared to share.



#### Newsflash!



## Reflection

The purpose of today's session was demonstrating strategies for increasing student engagement through the integrated use of:

- Substantive Student Discourse
- Visual Literacy
- Higher-Order Questioning



#### Recap: Newsflash!

- Imagine if you will that you are on the local evening news team.
- This just in... (blank) have been spotted in a classroom.
- You have only 1 minute before your anchor (speaker for the group) goes on the air.
- Oh no!! Viewer's have lost sound. What information can you share with them in under one minute in order for them to be successful using only visuals?



### Substantive Conversation

In classes with substantive conversation there is considerable teacher-student and student-student interaction about the ideas of a substantive topic.

The interaction should be reciprocal, utilize probing questions, and promote coherent shared understanding.



# Input vs. Output



#### **Decoding (Receiving)**

Seeing, identifying, and deconstructing images for meaning

#### **Encoding (Producing)**

Putting ideas together to create a visual representation of understanding



# Graphic Organizers

- Choose content that is difficult for students to organize or is poorly organized
- Develop an outline for the key ideas/concepts in the target information
- Select an appropriate format
- Construct both a completed teacher version and an incomplete copy of the student version to use during instruction





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