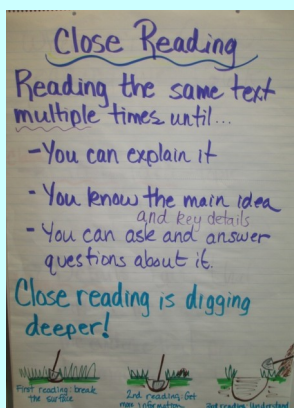


Close Reading What does it look like?

Scholastic blogger Genia Connell admits that like many of her colleagues, up until the new CCSS, she had never heard of “close reading.” After some research and trial lessons in her classroom, Genia created an

environment full of investigative readers. Use the link below to see each step she takes to implement close reading in her classroom, from anchor charts, to text selection and more!



<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/top-teaching/2013/04/investigating-nonfiction-part-2-digging-deeper-close-reading>

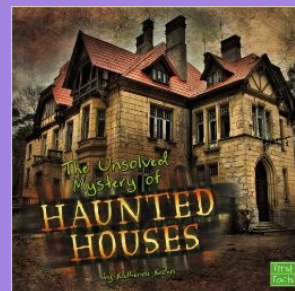
November is... National Family Literacy Month



Family plays an important role in a child's attitude towards literacy. National Family Literacy Month brings forth the reminder of how leading by example can help in fostering a love for reading. Simple actions such as reading a newspaper or book are easy ways to create this environment. Check out readwritethink.org for classroom activities to celebrate this day!

New Release!

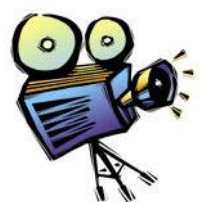
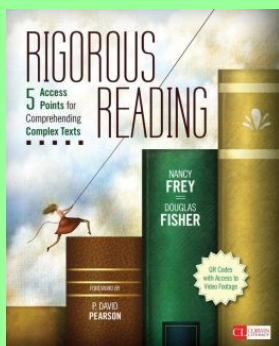
Real or imaginary? To believe or not to believe? Katherine Krohn's latest nonfiction release, *The Unsolved Mysteries of Haunted Houses* will invite your students to form their own opinions about this phenomenon.



A Close Read...

What does it really mean to “read closely”? Doug Fisher and Nancy Frey provide teachers with their explanation in

“Rigorous Reading.” This book is a great addition to your professional library to help raise the rigor in your literacy instruction.



Watch Closely!

Tune into Youtube.com to see an example of close reading in action. Watch as Lucy Calkins and her colleagues collaborate using a nonfiction text to weave close reading with a read aloud. Search for “Bringing Close Reading and Accountable Talk into an Interactive Read Aloud of Gorillas.”

