LITERACY ALIGNMENT MATTERS — 3-PART SERIES

SESSION 1

Lead with literacy alignment to drive learning outcomes

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Overview

Introduce 95 Percent Group

Kick off our Literacy Alignment Matters 3-part series

Science of Reading 3.0: Widening the lens on literacy
High stakes, high quality: Resources for literacy alignment

Lead with literacy alignment to drive learning outcomes
A conversation with Zach Groshell, Ph D

What the **science of learning** teaches us about instructional design, specifically in the areas of **alignment** and **explicit instruction**, and how this impacts our students' **cognitive load** and overall **learning**

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Our Foundational Principles

We believe that ALL children deserve a chance to learn to read.

Our purpose is to unlock the power of literacy for every child.

We build on science to empower teachers—supplying the knowledge, resources, and support they need to transform developing readers.

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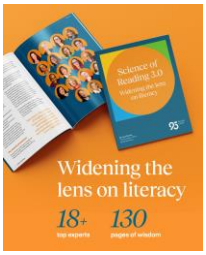
WELCOME TO THE

Science of Reading 3.0

Expand the literacy conversation beyond research, connecting multiple sciences with effective instruction, implementation, and leadership.

- A broad overview of multiple, interconnected, integrated sciences that inform instruction (reading, teaching, learning, implementation)
- Practical application of research in language, literacy, and with ALL learners.
- Placing leadership as central to the success of any systemic change.
- Tools and inspiration to ensure that every child thrives.



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RESOURCES FOR LITERACY ALIGNMENT

Explore what's possible when teachers and students have a connected experience across tiers of instruction, grade levels, schools, and districts.

Turn disconnected literacy initiatives into a **system of alignment**, giving providing consistent learning experiences for students

Accelerate learning by aligning instruction, routines, and resources across tiers

Make confident curriculum and instructional **decisions**

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Five Pillars of Alignment

Lesson design	Focused instruction	Resources and routines	Language	Data
The blueprint for student learning	Setting the intention	A structured learning environment	Clarity and consistency compounds	Guiding informed instructional decisions
• Gradual release • Review • Response • Feedback • Small steps, ample practice • Application	• Additive, not replacement instruction across tiers • Intensity of instruction differentiates tiers	• Consistent • Maximizes learning load • Maximizes teacher attention	• Unambiguous instructional dialogue and academic language	• Connects tiers of instruction • Pinpoints students' needs • Informs instructional groupings • Provides visibility

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LITERACY ALIGNMENT MATTERS

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Just Tell Them: The Power of Explanations and Explicit Teaching

OUTLINE

- Science of learning and instructional design
- Explicit instruction
- Learning load
- Importance of alignment
- Role of resources

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The power of explanations and explicit teaching

- **Reaffirms the enduring importance of effective explanations** at a time when "teacher talk" is often undervalued.
- **Draws on the science of learning and explores essential techniques** for showing, telling, demonstrating, modeling, and presenting so even the most complex concepts become accessible to all learners.
- Learn how to engage with the art and science of "breaking it down" to **discover how a direct and explicit approach to teaching can significantly impact classroom success.**

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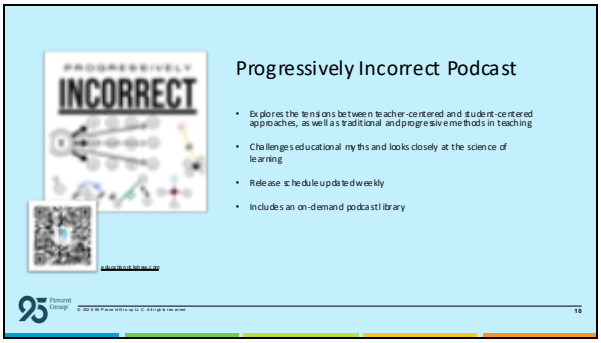

Progressively Incorrect Podcast

- Explores the tensions between teacher-centered and student-centered approaches, as well as traditional and progressive methods in teaching
- Challenges educational myths and looks closely at the science of learning
- Release schedule updated weekly
- Includes an on-demand podcast library

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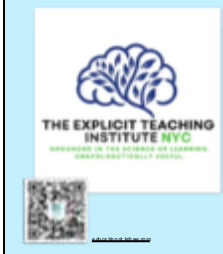

The Explicit Teaching Institute

- Five-day deep dive into the science of learning and systematic instruction

  Each day combines research, observation, and rehearsal:
  - Unpacking the cognitive science behind effective instruction
  - Analyzing expert teaching through video study
  - Rehearsing high-impact instructional moves that make teaching clear, efficient, and reliable
- Hands-on professional development designed to build both knowledge and skill.
- Leave with practical tools you can apply immediately—and the confidence that comes from deliberate practice and feedback.

Returning to NYC, Summer 2027, watch for dates to be announced soon!

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