Book Buddies – E-book Narrative

Slide 1 Ways to increase Motivation in the Media Center - This Power Point is designed to show you how to increase intrinsic motivation in the media center. There are four strategies the media specialist can use: challenge, curiosity, control and fantasy.

Slide 2 Challenge- When using challenge to increase intrinsic motivation, you should design activities that allow students to use competitive skills. In the media center, you can challenge the students to be part of a Reading Club where there is a list of books that children must challenge their peers to answer trivia questions. Provide a list of both easy reading for struggling and reluctant readers, as well as a list for readers who need something more difficult. This makes all students want to participate in the trivia challenge because they can pick a book that interests them.

Slide 3 Curiosity- Curiosity creates disequilibria in the students mind. This is important because it makes students seek out the answer to questions on their own. In the media center, you can have trivia questions at the Media Center door that provokes students to think about a new idea or topic. The students can submit their answers after they have researched the question. You can make it more competitive by adding a prize.

Slide 4 Control- With control, the teacher gives students a list of responsibilities they can choose from. This allows the student to control their own learning. If students were able to present their book recommendations on the morning news show or in a newsletter, students will read so that they may control and own their learning. This will encourage reading, and students will want to understand the information they are reading about.

Slide 5 Fantasy- With fantasy, the teacher designs games and simulations that allow students to role-play. The media center should have materials ready for students to create games and other projects that help them understand what they are learning. Fantasy allows students to understand what they are learning. It puts them at ease and allows them to enter a state of flow.