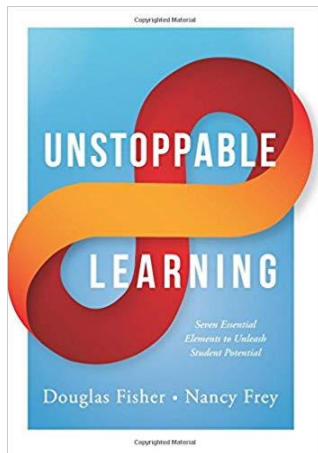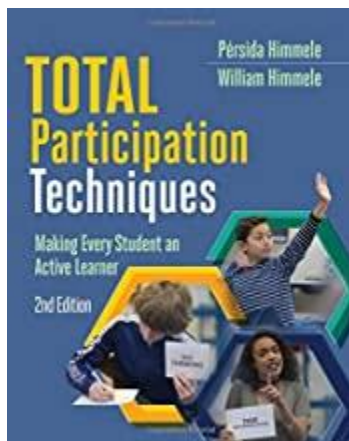# *Professional Learning Booklist for Belair K-8 School for the Month of October*

Unstoppable Learning: Seven Essential Elements to Unleash Student Potential by Douglas Fisher and Nancy Frey
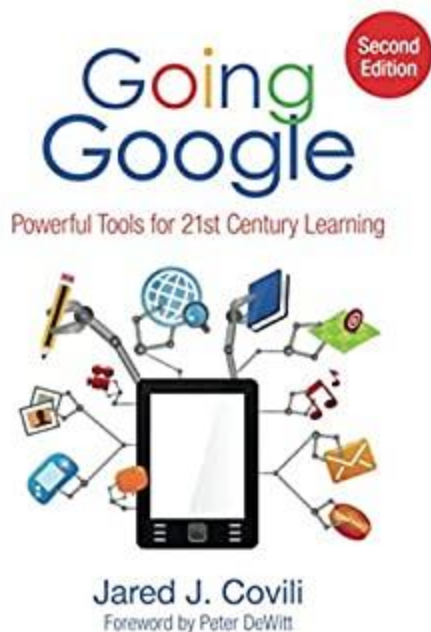
Discover how to enhance teaching and learning using the seven essential elements of the *Unstoppable Learning* model: (1) planning, (2) launching, (3) consolidating, (4) assessing, (5) adapting, (6) managing, and (7) leading. Examine how to use systems thinking to create a network of interactions that promote best practices in teaching and enhance student learning school wide. Every classroom has a network of relationships among schools, families, and communities that impacts the classroom. This book will help you cultivate teaching practices that create optimal learning and working environments. You'll gain a variety of proven strategies and tools for creating learning outcomes, preparing effective lessons, adapting learning in response to students' individual needs, and more.

Total Participation Techniques: Making Every Student an Active Learner by William Himmele

Refined through years of classroom experiences and supported by updated research, this 2nd edition delivers a dozen new techniques to engage K–12 students in active learning. The authors provide detailed descriptions of the Total Participation Techniques (TPTs) with step-by-step instructions—plus reproducible blackline masters for student response cards as well as posters to remind you to use the techniques. They also suggest how you can adapt and personalize the techniques to fit your context and content. Packed with examples from authentic classrooms, *Total Participation Techniques* is an essential toolkit for teachers who want to present lessons that are relevant, engaging, and cognitively challenging.
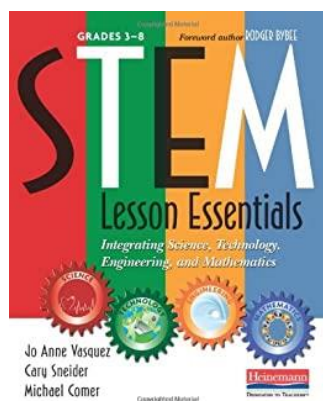
Going Google: Powerful Tools for 21st Century Learning   by Jared J. Covili

Use this easy-access guide to discover exactly how and why Google's latest internet tools can help prepare your students for the modern workplace! Quickly scan for detailed guidance and learn:

- Which tools help you meet 21st century learning skills and the new ISTE Standards for Students of Google Classroom, Google Drive, Google Earth, YouTube, and more
- 5 major points to consider before using each tool

Includes a handy glossary of tech terms, a new companion website, teacher vignettes, screen casts, project tutorials, and classroom management tips.

STEM Lesson Essentials

STEM Lesson Essentials shows teachers how to begin the STEM integration journey with:

- five guiding principles for effective STEM instruction
- classroom examples of what these principles look like in action
- sample activities that put all four STEM fields into practice
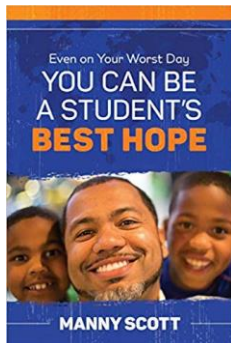- lesson planning templates for STEM units.

 Text Complexity: Stretching Readers with Texts and Tasks by Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey and Diane Lapp

No matter what discipline you teach, learn how to use complexity as a dynamic, powerful tool for sliding the right text in front of your students' at just the right time.

Updates to this new edition include

- How-to's for measuring countable features of any written work
- A rubric for analyzing the complexity of both literary and informational texts
- Classroom scenarios that show the difference between a healthy struggle and frustration
- The authors' latest thinking on teacher modeling, close reading, scaffolded small group reading, and independent reading

 Even On Your WORST Day You Can Be A Student's BEST Hope by Manny Scott
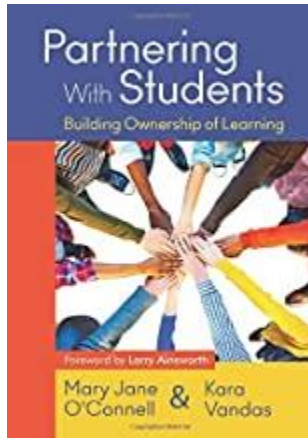
As Manny Scott travels the world speaking to students and educators, he meets young people whose stories sound a lot like his own a childhood that was marked by poverty, instability, violence, and despair until a few caring educators showed him how to find meaning in the classroom and gave him a glimpse of his own possibilities. So many kids he meets today need this kind of hope and practical assistance. But with all that is already on educators' plates, what can an individual teacher do to help traumatized children believe in themselves, succeed in school, and graduate prepared for work and life?

Here, you'll find answers. With the same passion that inspires so many who hear him speak, Scott presents an approach informed by the teachers who helped him and honed through years of connecting with kids who desperately need someone to show them a path to a more positive future. He shares the little things you can do to prepare yourself for the hard work of making a difference

and offers advice for bridging cultural divides, earning students' trust, and equipping them to take responsibility for their own success.

This book is a reminder of the incredible power every teacher has to help young people rewrite their destinies and it's a call to action for all who read it.
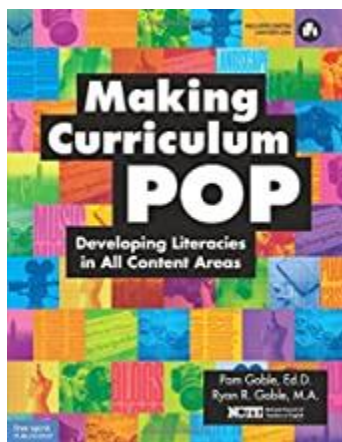
 Partnering with Students: Building Ownership of Learning by Mary Jane O'Connell and Kara Vandas

Empower students to own their learning

This resource is designed to empower teachers and leaders with strategies to develop learners who have the confidence and tools to engage in any challenge. By flipping the focus to student ownership of learning, the authors provide clear and simple ways to:
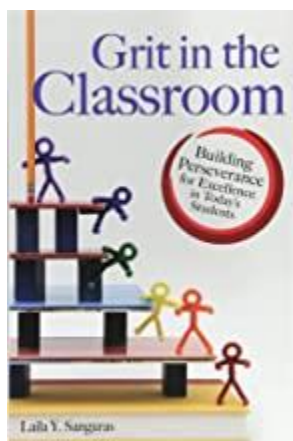
- Develop collaborative relationships
- Jointly establish clear expectations for learning and criteria for success
- Intentionally build learner strategies that last a lifetime
- Use formative assessment results to monitor progress
- Harness the power of reciprocal feedback to improve teaching and learning
- Empower and motivate students set meaningful goals and prove learning

Making Curriculum POP: Developing Literacies in All Content Areas by Pam Goble and Ryan Goble
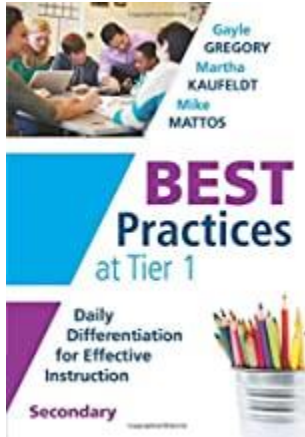
From body art to baseball cards, comics to cathedrals, pie charts to power ballads . . . students need help navigating today's media-rich world. And educators need help teaching today's new media literacy. To be *literate* now means being able to read, write, listen, speak, view, and represent across all media—including both print and non-print texts, such as film, TV, podcasts, websites, visual art, fashion, architecture, landscape, and music. This book offers secondary teachers in all content areas a flexible, interdisciplinary approach to integrate these literacies into their curriculum. Students form cooperative learning groups to evaluate media texts from various perspectives (artist, producer, sociologist, sound mixer, economist, poet, set designer, and more) and show their thinking using unique graphic organizers aligned to the Common Core State Standards

Grit in the Classroom: Building Perseverance for Excellence in Today's Students by Laila Y. Sanguras

The combination of sustained hard work and resiliency, grit is the difference between those who give up and those who don't. *Grit in the Classroom: Building Perseverance for Excellence in Today's Students* assists educators in creating a learning environment that fosters grit development for all students, regardless of ability. Each chapter includes stories to illustrate the research and ideas presented and ends with discussion questions that can be used to continue the conversation. In an era of talent development and the pursuit of excellence, learners must be equipped with the perseverance that is essential to reaching high levels of success. This book provides a rationale for teaching grit in the classroom with the goal of propelling this topic into discussions of building passion and talent in today's students.

Best Practices at Tier 1: Daily Differentiation for Effective Instruction by Gayle Gregory Martha Kaufeldt and Mike Mattos

Improve core instruction to ensure learning for all. Created specifically for grades 6-12, this book provides proven response to intervention strategies to differentiate instruction, engage students, increase success, and avoid additional interventions. Discover how to identify essential power standards to include in Tier 1 instruction, create a brain-friendly learning environment, shift instructional processes to support collaboration, and more.

Understand the power of RTI to enhance core instruction and provide timely, targeted, and systematic interventions for students in need:

- Gain effective strategies to differentiate learning, and understand the variety of ways students learn.
- Incorporate the four Cs -- communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking -- into curriculum design.
- Shift from teacher-centered to student-centered instruction to enhance learning.
- Use formative assessment and pre-assessment to plan for instruction and extend learning tasks when necessary.
- Raise the bar for all learners by enhancing rigor and providing learners opportunities to grow.

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