

What's New With You? Literacy Focus Hour

THINKING ABOUT YOUR GREAT LITERACY PRACTICES

- 1. Find someone who is trying something new this year in their Literacy Block. What is it? How are their students responding to it?**
- 2. Find someone who is using a word wall in their class. Discuss how they are using it. How are they introducing the new words?**
- 3. Find someone who has read a wonderful book to their students. What was the title and author? How did they introduce the book? Did they have an interesting reading response activity following the story? What was it?**
- 4. Find someone who wrote a reading tip in their newsletter this month. What was it?**
- 5. Find someone who has begun guided reading this year. How are their groups working? Are they finding it challenging to keep the other students working productively while they are working with a reading group?**
- 6. Find someone that has had a great writing lesson. How did they prepare the students for writing? Did they edit after writing or have students share their work?**

7. Find someone who has a dilemma with a student in either writing or reading. What is it?

8. Find someone who enjoys reading in their free time and has just read a wonderful novel that they think everyone should read. What is it? Why are they recommending the book so strongly?

9. Find someone who has a student that is struggling with phonemic awareness. What can be done?

10. Find someone that knows a great Halloween poem. What is it?