

# What is **Balanced Literacy**?

## **Read Aloud**

- Demonstrates proficient reading
- Exposes children to a variety of genres
- Expands access to text

## **Shared Reading**

- Models reading strategies
- Extends understanding of the reading process

## **Interactive Reading**

- Teacher and child choose text
- Teacher encourages child to read

## **Guided Reading**

- Child does the reading
- Teacher acts as a guide

## **Independent Reading**

- Child chooses text
- Child practices at his or her level

# What is **Balanced Literacy**?

## **Modeled Writing**

- Demonstrates proficient writing
- Expands access to writing

## **Shared Writing**

- Models writing strategies
- Extends understanding of the writing process

## **Interactive Writing**

- Teacher and child choose topic
- Teacher and child share pen

## **Guided Writing**

- Teacher engages child in discussion
- Child does the writing

## **Independent Writing**

- Child chooses topic
- Child practices at his or her independent level

# **What is Sheltered Instruction?**

## **Building Background**

- Link concepts to students' background experience
- Emphasize Key Vocabulary

## **Comprehensible Input**

- Use a variety of techniques to make content clear

## **Strategies**

- Employ a variety of question types

## **Interaction**

- Group students to support language and content objectives

## **Practice/Application**

- Supply lots of hands-on materials

## **Lesson Delivery**

- Clearly support content and language objectives