



## A Focus on Comprehension: Laying the Foundation

On Thursday, November 29, 2012, all TLI Teacher Specialists and a representative from each campus participated in two training modules which focus on comprehension. The modules, "Reading with Purpose" and "Think, Turn, Talk", were presented by Darcy Dycha, Twyla Vogler, and Holly Ramos, State Literacy Liaisons for the Texas Literacy Initiative from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston.

These two modules are the first of several that will address instructional routines which include basic scaffolds for all students in the district. So what are the benefits of implementing these routines and strategies in these modules across all age/grade levels and content areas?

- Improves the reading achievement of all students
- Provides teachers with a framework foundation for instruction to meet the ELAR TEKS & SLAR TEKS
- Impacts the quality of instruction while focusing on comprehension
- Provides consistent routines in which scaffolded opportunities are embedded to meet the needs of all learner
- Influences student achievement in all subject areas

Below is list of all the modules in this series of upcoming trainings to be presented across BISD campuses:

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Instructional Routines	Cognitive Strategies
Reading With Purpose	Making Connections
Think-Turn-Talk	Creating Mental Images
Cognitive Strategy Routine	Making Inferences & Predictions
	Asking & Answering Questions
Listening Comprehension	Determining Importance & Summarizing

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