TIER 2 LANGUAGE INTERVENTION FOR DIVERSE PRESCHOOLERS

The purposes of this study was to explore the use of a whole class dynamic assessment & to examine the efficacy of a narrative language intervention for diverse preschoolers.

A dynamic assessment was conducted with students from 3 Head Start classrooms. Children retold stories before and after 3 sessions of Whole-group narrative instruction.



Children who made minimal progress (n=22) were randomly assigned to control or to receive small-group, narrative intervention.

Children received intervention for 15–20 min, 2x Week, for 9 Weeks. Interventionists individualized narrative & linguistic targets based on progress monitoring data.



The treatment group showed significant improvement over the control group on proximal and distal measures of narrative retells, with large effect sizes.

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