lf you Differentiate, They Will Learn

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Differentiation is the key to helping your students reach their greatest potential. Gail shares simple strategies for providing a differentiated approach to teaching and learning. You'll discover cubing, think tac toe, and many other strategies, plus simple steps to implement them.





- Use technologies to prepare materials or resources for use in the differentiated classroom
- Develop a new toolbox of technological tools and strategies for use in instruction



What is differentiation anyway?



One size does not fit all...

Differentiate According to



Student Readiness

Students' skill levels and background knowledge

Differentiate for Student Readiness Tiered Instruction

Start with pre-tests and Exit "Cards"

- "Testing tools"
 - iPads Socrative
 - Google Forms
 - Drag and drop on an IWB
 - Exit Cards
- THEN adjust...resources, process, product, grouping, teacher role

Example from a teacher's blog -

http://fun-n-first.blogspot.com/2012/02/differentiating-math.html

Differentiate for Student Readiness Anchor Activities

These are interesting, ongoing projects and learning opportunities which students can work on without teacher input. They are CURRICULUM-rich and NOT busywork.

Ideas:

Do further research and determine a way to share with others

http://www.kidsclick.org/

Find pictures which illustrate the topic of study

http://pics4learning.com

Audio-record the reading for others to use as audiobook <u>http://audioboo.fm</u>

Differentiate for Student Readiness Adaptive Software or Tools

- Have word processor "read" the words to those who need it
- Use software to take "dictation" Dragon Dictation
- Use apps to take notes linked to audio AudioNote



Differentiate According to



Students' interests drive desire to learn

Differentiate for Student Interests Determining Interests

WATCH, LISTEN, ASK!

An interest inventory (or make your own)

http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/3summers/pdf/ifiran.pdf



+ If studying Texas History...

- grandparents life stories
- buildings in the neighborhood and their history
- the places parents or others work
- place names
- sports history
- what people wore, ate or did for fun
- children in the history of Wisconsin
- dinosaurs, did they roam here?
- boats through the ages
- pets and animals
- Iaws and how they change
- schools now and then



http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2006679946/

Child-friendly sources can help

Kid-Friendly Search tool http://www.kidsclick.org/

Video Sources

<u>http://www.watchknow.org/</u>

Discovery Education (not free) videos and images and more

<u>http://teachertube.com</u> (some for students here)

BrainPop Jr. (not free)

Differentiate According to



Student Learning Style



- A survey of student learning
 - <u>http://www.berghuis.co.nz/abiator/lsi/lsitest1.html</u> perhaps done with adult volunteer help?

Teachers can differentiate



Teachers CAN differentiate



Content





- Start with your required curriculum.
- Adjust to meet student needs
 - Need to learn
 - Need to work
 - Need to "struggle" a bit
 - Need to feel achievement
- NOT just more... Vary complexity and depth, and perhaps novelty and interest

Teachers can differentiate





Digital Blooms:

http://edorigami.wikispaces.com/Bloom%27s+Digital+Taxonomy

By Kathy Schrock: http://www.schrockguide.net/bloomin-apps.html

By Apps: <u>http://issuu.com/ktenkely/docs/lg_alpha/1</u>

How to Differentiate Use Rubrics



<u>http://rubistar.4teachers.org/</u>

Give students input and then provide rubric PRIOR to starting the "project"

How to Differentiate Graphic Organizers (scaffolding)

- What if THEY choose?
- <u>http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/</u>
- <u>http://www.studenthandouts.com/graphicorganizers.htm</u>
- <u>http://freeology.com/graphicorgs/</u>
- <u>http://my.hrw.com/nsmedia/intgos/html/igo.htm</u>
- <u>http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/graphorgan/older/graphic_organizers.htm</u>
- Kidspiration

How to Differentiate Timing Differences

- Who starts? Who Finishes?
- Timers



Timer Apps

Timr (.99) https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/timr-universal-timercountdown/id304083392?mt=8

Toddler Timer (.99) https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/toddler-timer/id373243639? mt=8



How to Differentiate Offer Choices - Think-Tac-Toe

- Offers choices within boundaries...
- Choice of venue, format, tools.
- Uses Different Modalities, Venues, Products and even depth of understanding.... Bloom's Taxonomy at work!

Reading Think-Tac-Toe

Act out your favorite part on video. Write a new ending to the story. Write a letter to the author about your favorite part.

Make a diorama of your favorite part. Change all the characters to animals and tell the story.

Read the story to your kindergarten buddy.

Make a test for your friends about what you read. Change the setting and tell how the story changes.

Translate the story into another language.

In PowerPoint

T	hink <u>Tac</u> Toe	e	
Instructions here		[]	

In Word

How to Differentiate Offer Choices - Cubing

Cubing is an instructional strategy that asks students to consider a concept from a variety of different perspectives. The cubes are six-sided figures that have a different activity on each side of the cube. These can be differentiated by content, but also in other ways. You can have different cubes for different students or groups of students.

- On the website <u>Word Template</u>
- <u>http://www.toolsforeducators.com/dice/</u>





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Could be prompts for writing, discussion or tasks from Blooms' Taxonomy







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Students will distinguish the motivations of the three little pigs using a library book and create a poster in groups of two.

Thinking Skill	Content	Resources	Products	Groups
Group Size				
One				
Two		—		
Three				
Four				

+ How to Differentiate Centers

Technology is actually an easy center...

IF you consider and plan for...

- Partners
- Tasks
- Goals
- Expectations



How to Differentiate Provide Task Support - Checklists

<u>http://pblchecklist.4teachers.org/</u>

PBL Checklists

If you have questions, check out the FAQs. The checklists below are in English. See checklists en Español.

 writing

 K-1
 2-4
 5-8
 9-12

 science

 K-4
 5-8
 9-12

 oral presentation

 2-4
 5-8
 9-12

 multimedia

 2-4
 5-8
 9-12

Rubrics too...

How to Differentiate Provide Task Support – QR Codes

- QR Codes to sites
- Provides direct access to specific website(s)
- Can provide choice



How to Differentiate Provide Task Support – Task Cards

- QR Codes to sites
- Task Reminder
- Screenshot of site with goal or option highlighted
- Make and laminate for sites used often.



Build with Shapes



http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/misc/games/misc-shapestore

+ Fair Does not mean SAME!









Thank you for all you do for all our kids!

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