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Practical Ideas for Assessment

A selection of assessment-for-learning ideas from the popular Start-Up, Spark-Up, and Wrap-Up books

Grades
K-3

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INTRODUCTION TO ASSESSMENT

Here are 15 practical ideas you can use tomorrow to increase the Assessment For Learning practices in your classroom:

- Daily Observer: involving students in observation
- Feedback Frames: making descriptive feedback a habit (BLM)
 - Four-Pocket Folders: collecting authentic evidence
 - Reflection: taking time to pause and think
 - Self-Portrait Wall: organizing a year-long record of growth and development
 - Setting Criteria: making the destination clear
- Reading Train: getting information from peers to support learning
 - Be Specific: increasing descriptive feedback
 - Frame It: involving learners in assessment
 - Goal Setting: getting specific and realistic
 - Can-Do Cards: making cards to remind students of their strengths (BLM)
- Sign It: teaching students to give themselves immediate feedback
 - Assessment Interviews: asking students questions about their learning
 - Acronyms: using a word to help students remember what's important
- Showtime: performing skills at home for family members (BLM)

These are excerpts from our *Voices of Experience* Series. If you are interested in more ideas related to building relationships, organizing your classroom, and using reliable activities that are our favourites, please go the following link: www.pandmpress.com.