

Running Record Boot Camp:



Accelerate Learning in Your Guided Reading Groups

Welcome

You made it, and I'm so glad you're here! Running Record Boot Camp is a laser-focused, reading warrior course for only the most talented teachers. That's you! You want the best for your kiddos and I want the best for you, so I created this course to give you the Running Record shortcut I wish I had in the early days of my Guided Reading journey.

Investing in your own professional learning is the wisest teaching decision you can make. Let's work together to improve our abilities to think deeply about teaching and learning. It's a great time to be a teacher!

Course Tips

To get the most out of this course, set aside distraction-free time to complete each lesson. I know that's a big ask of a teacher, but what really matters is that you invest the time in YOU and your learning. Also, make a commitment to try out the ideas in each lesson. When you apply them to your own classroom, you win! Your learning will be fast-tracked and you'll gain insights into your students from day one.

Be sure to make the most of the comments feature in the course. There you'll have a chance to ask questions and get them answered by me and fellow course participants. Don't be afraid to reply to specific comments because you have a lot to offer and your perspective matters!

I'm excited for you because you've started on a journey that will improve your teaching forever. Running Records are one of the few assessments that actually improve your ability to teach and can make you the most effective teacher you've ever been. Now that's something to celebrate!

Course Syllabus

Running Record Boot Camp is organized into 6 units of study, with a series of video lessons and handouts within each unit. The course is designed with a particular scope and sequence, so I recommend following the order of the lessons.

It's also self-paced which means you can watch the lessons as many times as you like. The length of each video is visible in the course so it's easier to fit them into your busy teacher schedule. The handouts that accompany each lesson are grouped with the video to make downloading and printing a snap.

Unit 1

The Who, What, and Why of Running Records

Let's get started! In Unit 1 we'll get to know the basics of Running Records including who invented them, what they're used for, and why they are a critical tool in every reading teacher's toolkit. We'll also watch a Running Record demonstration with a first grade student – my daughter Natalie!

Unit 2

The How of Running Records: Administration

You're on your way to mastering this course! Unit 2 focuses on the details of Running Record administration including the components of a Running Record and how they are filled out by teachers. We'll learn how to take a Running Record using a shorthand coding system, and we'll discuss how to engage in a comprehension conversation with students.

Unit 3

The How of Running Records: Scoring and Analysis

Let's get into the good stuff! In Unit 3 we'll get into the nitty-gritty of scoring a Running Record including the math (gulp!) behind the scores. In addition, we'll spend time learning how to analyze a Running Record and consider how this analysis influences our instruction.

Unit 4

The When of Running Records

You're almost done! In Unit 4 we'll take a look at typical Running Record schedules and explain the different types of Running Records teachers use for different purposes. We'll also discuss strategies for how to organize yourself to administer Running Records and take notes on your students to track progress over time.

Unit 5

Running Record Case Study

You've made it to the final phase of your Jedi training! In Unit 5 we'll take what we've learned so far and apply it by administering a Running Record, scoring and analyzing it, creating responsive reading goals, and selecting criteria for lesson planning.

Unit 6

Expert Tips

Congratulations! You've completed Units 1-5 of the Running Record Boot Camp! Included in this unit are my favorite tips for getting started with Running Records and some additional valuable resources. Don't forget to print your certificate of completion.

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