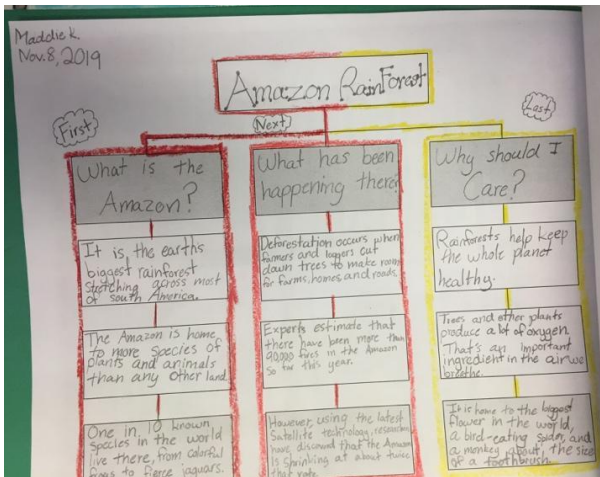


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Graphic organizers are used to help support writing skills as well as provide higher level thinking and sequencing. Exemplars are posted for the next step of the writing process. Students can compare their writing with peer samples and edit their assignment.

Answering Literal Questions	Retelling	Merging Thinking with Content	Acquiring Knowledge	Actively Using Knowledge
Answering literal questions shows that learners can skim and scan for answers, pick one out that matches the question, and have short term recall. Does not demonstrate understanding.	Retelling shows that learners can organize thoughts sequentially and put them into their own words. Shows short-term recall of words in a narrative and bits of information or reactions. Does not, in and of itself, demonstrate understanding.	Real understanding takes root when learners merge their thinking with the content by connecting, inferring, questioning, synthesizing, implicating, and reacting to information. Understanding begins here.	Once learners have merged their thinking with the content, they can begin to acquire knowledge and insight. They can learn, understand, and remember. Shows deeper understanding.	With new insights and understanding, learners can actively use knowledge and apply what they have learned to the experiences, situations, and circumstances in their daily lives to expand understanding and even take action.
Teacher Language How many...? What is...? Where did...? Who was...? When did...?	Teacher Language What happened in the story? What was it about? What happened first? Next? Last? What did the character do after that? Retell what you read or heard. Try using your own words to explain what happened.	Teacher Language What do you think? What do the text make you think about? What does this remind you of? Has anything like this ever happened to you? What do you wonder? What do you visualize? What can you infer from this? How does it make you feel? Do you have any reactions? Say more about that...	Teacher Language What did you learn that you think is important to remember? What if anything new did you learn? Why does it matter? What do you think the author most wants you to get out of this? What do you think are some of the big ideas here? What do you think is the main issue here? Why? What makes you think that? How did you come up with that?	Teacher Language Why do you want to remember that? What do you want to do about this? Why do you care? How do you think you can help? Is there a way you can get involved? Do you think you can make a difference? What is your plan?

The 'Comprehension Continuum' is used school wide. This model represents leading students to a stronger comprehension of reading materials by way of teacher language. Question stems lead to higher order of thinking when moving from answering literal questions to retelling, to merging thinking with content, acquiring knowledge, and actively using knowledge.



Math number sense is taught throughout subject areas. Students use models that accompany number sentences. Hands-on manipulative's help students to understand the computation and conceptualize the math sentence. Number Talks are used and set in the math action plan. This allows for students to deepen their learning as they explain their learning in student collaboration. Students may share their thinking with other students and within the discussion new learning occurs.