Triple R Teaching

Today, I'd like to share some of my favorite authors when it comes to the science of reading.

Now, just to be clear, I have almost every book there is about the science of reading. When I find a new one, I buy it so that I can read it and study it and share that information with you. This is by far not an exhaustive list, but these are just the people that I think of when I think about particular aspects of the science of reading.

When I think of phonemic awareness, I think David Kilpatrick and Marilyn Adams. David Kilpatrick has shared a lot of the current research about this with us. Marilyn Adams is a researcher who's actually written a curriculum for teaching phonemic awareness.

When I think phonics, I think Wiley Blevins (I've shared many of his books in the past) and Denise Eide. Denise Eide is the founder of Logic of English, which basically works to show you that English is not as crazy as we've been led to believe. She has whole programs, but she also just has really helpful books for someone who's not using their programs, "Uncovering the Logic of English," and there's a book about sight words and connecting them actually to phonics rather than just teaching them as words you memorize.

When I think fluency, I think Tim Rasinski and Jan Hasbrouck.

When I think vocabulary, I think Isabel Beck and all her co-authors like McKeown and Kucan.

When I think comprehension, I think Kate Cain and Nancy Hennessy. Now these books I have not been able to get through yet. I find them very challenging, much harder than some of those other books to read, because comprehension, when you come at it from the right direction, is very complicated. There's a lot that goes into it. But those are definitely the authors that I would recommend at this time.

And I want to just throw in a few authors that are excellent, but I wouldn't necessarily tie to a particular item here.

There's Lyn Stone; she's written "Reading for Life," "Spelling for Life," and "Language for Life."

Anita Archer, as far as I know, the only book she's written is "Explicit Instruction," but she also has written, I'm sure, many articles and she has a lot of trainings online and her website connected to the book has a lot of training videos. It's really, really good stuff.

I wanted to make this episode to let you know that these are authors that you can trust. I know, personally, it's hard sometimes to know whether you should buy a new book when it comes out from a publisher. Sometimes I've bought a book and then been really disappointed because right away, I saw that it was about three-cueing, which wasn't clear from the preview, so I just wasted $30. So I hope that this episode gives you just an overview of some really good names in the science of reading community. This is just a few of them, but I think it's a good starting place. To get this list of authors, you can head to the show notes, reachallreaders.com/episode31.