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The following resources have been instrumental in shaping my beliefs and commitment as an educator. They challenge traditional perspectives and help me build a student-centered, equitable, and trauma-informed classroom. These resources will continue to guide me as I grow in my teaching career, ensuring that I remain reflective and responsive to the needs of my students.

Selected Resources

Moving from Equity Awareness to Action

This article emphasizes the shift from recognizing inequities in education to taking meaningful action. It outlines five key equity-focused skills: recognizing, responding to, redressing, cultivating, and sustaining equity. It also highlights the challenges educators may face when advocating for equity and offers strategies to address them. This resource is crucial for my professional growth, serving as a guide to ensuring inclusivity and fairness in my classroom.

18 Inconvenient Truths about Assessment of Learning

This article examines the complexities of educational assessments, emphasizing their role in driving instruction rather than solely measuring student success. It challenges traditional assessment methods and highlights the need for critical reflection on their effectiveness. I appreciate how this resource encourages educators to use assessments to empower students and inform instructional decisions, making it a valuable reference throughout my teaching career.

The Trauma-Sensitive Classroom: Building Resilience with Compassionate Teaching

This book provides insights into creating supportive learning environments for students who have experienced trauma. It explores how trauma affects brain development, behavior, and learning while offering strategies for fostering emotional regulation and building strong relationships. I will continuously refer to this resource to refine my trauma-informed teaching approach and create a safe, nurturing classroom for all students.

7 Mighty Moves: Research-Backed, Classroom-Tested Strategies to Ensure K-to-3 Reading Success

Grounded in the science of reading, this book outlines seven essential strategies for effective literacy instruction. The research-backed techniques are presented with clear explanations and practical applications, making this a vital resource for my growth as a reading teacher. I will use this book to continuously improve my instructional practices and ensure that all students develop strong literacy skills.

The Responsive Counselor (Sara Cottrill-Carlo): Restorative Practices in Elementary Schools

This website provides practical strategies for implementing restorative practices in elementary classrooms, promoting accountability and relationship-building over punitive discipline measures. Strategies such as restorative circles and I-statements offer valuable tools for fostering a positive classroom environment. As an evolving resource, this site will help me stay informed about best practices in student behavior and social-emotional learning.

These resources have been instrumental in shaping my beliefs and commitment as an educator. They provide research-based strategies to foster equity, literacy, and trauma-informed practices, ensuring that I create an inclusive, student-centered learning environment. These resources will

continue to guide me as I grow in my teaching career, helping me remain reflective and responsive to my students' needs.

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