

Teachers are Talking about the *Daybooks of Critical Reading and Writing*. . .

"I like the format! It really allows students to 'own' their reading. They are really excited about keeping their work."

Elizabeth Rowley, Teacher
Princeton R-V
Princeton, MO

"My students really enjoy writing in their *Daybooks*. I found that they like writing in these books because they are so colorful. . . They also like that they have become active readers. Now whenever we read short stories I ask them to be active readers and they automatically know what to do. They underline, circle, highlight, and make little notes on the margins to help them understand the stories."

Amanda Arellano, Teacher
A Avenue School
Douglas, AZ

"If any teacher had any doubt how to go about getting across a concept, the Teacher's Guide tells it all. It is like taking another reading course from a university, all the latest research in one tidy package. It probably goes without saying, BUT combining reading and writing is more effective than not. I think the most amazing thing about the *Daybooks* is that students who weren't the ones considered to be 'shining stars' before, actually came through in big ways. I think this is because they had opportunity to respond right on the page they were reading, before they forgot what they were thinking. This 'respond as you are working' approach forced them to be more active readers. When complete, there was evidence to them that they could do the work and evidence to me as the teacher that they weren't passively trying to finish and then think about questions someone else posed, therefore comprehension improved."

Jane Malone, Teacher
G. Frank Davidson Elementary
Phoenix, AZ

"The students really like the *Daybook*. They love being able to write in the books. The length of the lessons was appropriate as well. It was a refreshing change to write and draw within a textbook. I found the *Daybook* helped with LEAP preparation as well. The students never moaned one time when I would say take out your *Daybooks*! That is quite an accomplishment!"

Constance Groue, Teacher
Estelle Elementary, Marrero, LA