

Curriculum Mapping Reading Recovery February 10, 2008

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VALUE OF CURRICULUM MAPPING

The values of Curriculum Mapping include the following:

- Amplifies the possibilities for long-range planning, short-term preparation, and clear communication
- Integrates the Standards with content and literacy
- Shows teachers what they are actually teaching from the curriculum, what is essential to teach, and what is being omitted
- Provides the opportunity for professional discussion with colleagues
- Provides a natural format for refinement and finds natural connections that will expand and underscore students' learning
- Assists teachers to know what is not to be taught at your grade level, what is repetitious, and what is unnecessary
- Notes any skill repetition (not skill spiraling)
- Shows the need for future examination and revisions (ongoing process)
- Shows any gaps, mismatches between outcomes (skills and standards) and the curriculum
- Helps with meaningful and non-meaningful assessments
- Creates for us a database for making important decisions
- Allows teachers to work together in teams to make the curriculum map a unifying agent