

AVID Curriculum Cues from Kathy Josephson



Strategies for Success

“Study Buddy Contract”

Activity 5.6

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Purpose: *To provide the students with the lifelong educational skill of identifying and keeping a list of reliable classmates to contact when they are absent*

An AVID teacher’s ultimate goal is for students to become independent learners with a toolkit of strategies to use when challenges arise. The “Study Buddy Contract” provides the students with a simple reminder that they have supportive people to help them stay on top of their school work.

Write Path, Science

“Think It - Build It – Write It” pages 119-123

Purpose: *To provide students with an opportunity to think critically, deliver clear instructions, and create accurate models*

Each team participates in writing instructions for a fictional invention called a *Gemklocx* and then builds a model according to another team’s instructions. Then the models are compared to identify successes and challenges with the written instructions. This exercise gives students an “AH-HA” about how to write instructions.