

**Opening the World of Possibilities for Early Literacy Learners
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Changing what we think is possible through 5 simple steps

1. Develop students as noticers through inquiry
2. Build student identities as authors, teachers, & learners through making books
3. Deliberately position students as both teachers and learners creating a sense of agency
4. Allow children to be in control of their learning as central to engagement
5. Support and encourage children to learn from each other in “dialogic classrooms”

Basic Writing Tenets

- Young children are “already ready” composers and therefore writers.
- Writing is not spelling.
- Writing is thinking...it is composition through pictures, oral language, and approximations of text

Inspiration for this work:

1. Katie Wood Ray & Matt Glover, *Already Ready*.
2. Katie Wood Ray & Lisa Cleaveland, *About the Authors*.
3. Peter Johnston, *Choice Words & Opening Minds*.
4. Marie Clay, *Becoming Literate*.
5. Janet Gaffney & Billie J. Askew, *Stirring the Waters: The Influence of Marie Clay*.