

3.12 Innovative Classroom Solutions

This initiative developed through our Innovation Incubator, R2 Innovates, and involves a partnership between Round Top and Nelson Elementary Schools. It began with the development of SMILE Labs in both schools (Sensory, Motor, Integrative Learning) to work with struggling early childhood students. Students in the lab worked on building foundations for academic success to enable them to better focus in the classroom. They work on social options, visual, motor development, etc.).

In Year 2, their approach is more integrative working on body/space awareness with visual clues in the classroom. Rather than bringing students to the lab, the teachers are ‘pushing in” and going into classrooms to work with struggling students.. An unexpected outcome is the development of a movement exercise program for all elementary grade levels. They also conducted professional development for all 4K teachers this year.

Designing for the student...

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