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		<i>Plan now to attend these free webinars...</i>		<i>Cosponsored by</i>	
<b>Overview of Authentic Direct Instruction Literacy Programs</b>		<b>Overview of Authentic Direct Instruction Math Programs</b>			
Wednesday, March 3, 2021		Wednesday, March 10, 2021			
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## ***NIFDI Presents Two Webinars Highlighting DI Literacy and Math Programs***

NIFDI is once again providing free information on DI to help teachers and school leaders make critical programming decisions that can greatly help student achievement. These two webinars are intended for those with little or no knowledge of Authentic Direct Instruction Programs.

Each session will help you understand the intended audience for each of the Authentic Direct Instruction programs. Use of the programs in general or special education sessions will be highlighted, along with other considerations in program selection. Appropriate sequencing will be featured. Scheduling in terms of time and frequency will also be discussed.

Questions answered will include:

- What are the differences between the various editions of Reading Mastery?
- How early can Corrective Reading be used?
- Is Corrective Reading always the best choice for older students?
- How does one decide whether to use Corrective Math or Connecting Math Concepts?
- And much more!

Each of the two sessions will have time for questions and answers. You may also send your questions in advance to [info@nifdi.org](mailto:info@nifdi.org) and we will be sure to answer them.

**Attend one or both!**  
**Dates: March 3 and 10, 2021**  
**Time: 8:00am PST / 11:00pm EST / 4:00pm GMT**  
**[Click here to register!](#)**



## ***Reading Mastery Transformations Authors Describe the Grades 2 and 3 Levels***

This month we feature interviews with the co-authors of the Grades 2 and 3 levels of *Reading Mastery Transformations*. Published by McGraw-Hill Education, *Transformations* is the latest revision of its flagship Direct Instruction program.

Veteran Direct Instruction author Susie Andrist describes her involvement in Direct Instruction and the changes made in the Grades 2 and 3 Reading programs. She notes that while many of the classic stories have been retained, there are also many new stories and updated informational passages in this new edition. [Click here](#) to watch the interview.

The interview with Bernie Kelly highlights the revised content of the Grades 2 and 3 Language programs. She explains how she and senior program author Siegfried "Zig" Engelmann designed some very clever sequences to meet the Common Core State Standards in a meaningful way. To watch the interview, [click here](#).

## ***In Memory of Siegfried "Zig" Engelmann***



NIFDI notes that it has been two years since Siegfried "Zig" Engelmann passed away in Eugene, Oregon. Zig is recognized as the inventor of Direct Instruction. His genius in task analysis and sequencing instruction to attain mastery is unparalleled. Aside from the 50+ instructional programs of which he is the senior author, his pioneering work forms the foundation for much of what today is considered research-based or evidence-based instruction.

NIFDI's website has an [excellent resource](#) for learning more about Zig's life and contributions to education. There, you will find links to a video of the memorial service held in 2019, an interview with Zig, a documentary about him, and many other interesting videos and print articles.

We miss him greatly, and remain dedicated to his legacy of ensuring that all learners are given the opportunity to succeed.



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