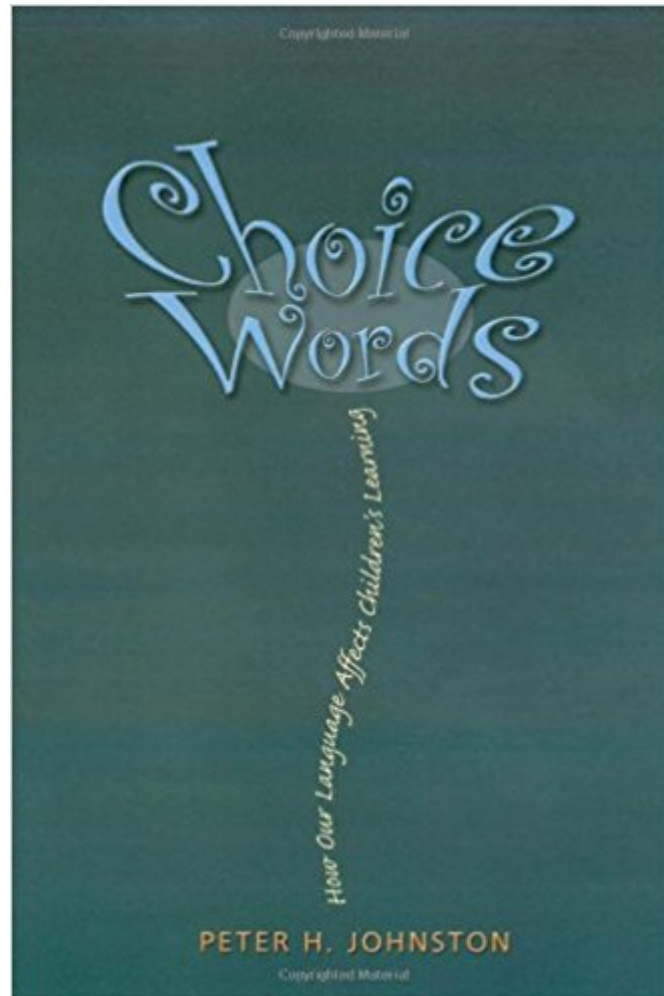




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Choice Words: How Our Language Affects Children's Learning



Synopsis

In productive classrooms, teachers don't just teach children skills: they build emotionally and relationally healthy learning communities. Teachers create intellectual environments that produce not only technically competent students, but also caring, secure, actively literate human beings. *Choice Words* shows how teachers accomplish this using their most powerful teaching tool: language. Throughout, Peter Johnston provides examples of apparently ordinary words, phrases, and uses of language that are pivotal in the orchestration of the classroom. Grounded in a study by accomplished literacy teachers, the book demonstrates how the things we say (and don't say) have surprising consequences for what children learn and for who they become as literate people. Through language, children learn how to become strategic thinkers, not merely learning the literacy strategies. In addition, Johnston examines the complex learning that teachers produce in classrooms that is hard to name and thus is not recognized by tests, by policy-makers, by the general public, and often by teachers themselves, yet is vitally important. This book will be enlightening for any teacher who wishes to be more conscious of the many ways their language helps children acquire literacy skills and view the world, their peers, and themselves in new ways.

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Whole the book is talking about literacy instruction, the focus on a teacher's language and interactions with their students can be used in all classroom situations.

This book is written unlike any other textbook I have read. I loved it.

Excellent text about the importance of how we talk to students on a daily basis. The slightest changes in our language can have a huge impact on students' self esteem, motivation, and growth mindset. I am an instructional coach and have used this book more than once in my work with teachers. A must read.

Any first time educators or any current educator, please read this book! It will change your perspective of education and how we present ourselves to our students.

A must read for teachers and parents!

This book does a good job, with direct classroom observations as examples, of showing what a difference a teacher makes in developing student thinking processes. In the good old days of the "three R's," Readin', Writin', and 'Rithmetic," students were rewarded for knowing the right answer. And it is true that you can't think without some stored knowledge, including bare facts, with which to do the cogitating. Readers may think, "There's nothing new here," or "I've been doing that," but they may also be reminded how students are influenced in how they respond to life's problems and challenges. The book also makes clear the ways that teachers can give student classroom approval without making that student a "teacher's pet" to his/her peers. How to co-operate in groups and learning pairs can be encouraged and facilitated with the well-chosen teacher's comments and questions. Reading the book will remind you of what you know and possibly practice, and put it all in perspective. The difference between the teacher as Fount of All Knowledge and the teacher who helps children develop intellectual curiosity is a strong point made throughout.Â Â Teach the Way the Brain Learns: Curriculum Themes Build Neuron Networks

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