



Landmark's Six Teaching Principles™

Motivating students can be challenging. Strategies such as “recognize and celebrate success” or “provide students with opportunities to make decisions and choices” are vital to teaching.¹ Landmark's Six Teaching Principles™ lie at the heart of our instructional strategies. When they guide instruction, these principles help motivate students because they foster engagement with schoolwork and provide students with the structure they need to be successful in school.

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Provide Opportunities for Success • Use Multisensory Approaches
Micro-Unit and Structure Tasks • Ensure Automatization through Practice and Review
Provide Models • Include Students in the Learning Process

This year's *Spotlights* have offered examples of how to put Landmark's Six Teaching Principles™ into action in the classroom. While each strategy has a different focus, they all include similar steps essential to effective instruction.

These essential steps are:

- 1) Set a clear goal, plan instruction, and prepare materials.
- 2) Introduce ideas and information by connecting with previously learned concepts and skills.
- 3) Break concepts and assignments into clear steps.
- 4) Provide models of work and thinking processes for students to follow.
- 5) In discussion with students, establish goals for lessons and assignments.
- 6) Teach strategies so students learn *how* to manage their work.
- 7) Guide students' practice as they apply knowledge and use strategies.
- 8) Provide plentiful, supportive feedback to students as they work.
- 9) Use a variety of approaches to develop knowledge and skills.
- 10) In conferences with students, discuss insights they have gained and skills they have learned, and then set goals for future work.

For more information about these steps, suggested activities and strategies for the classroom, and the individual principles themselves, visit our spotlight archive:

<http://landmarkoutreach.org/publications/spotlight/archive>

¹ Lavoie, R. (2007) *Motivation breakthrough: 6 secrets to turning on the tuned out child*. New York: Touchstone.