



# Dear Dr. Mooney

## A LOOK BACK AT 2020

### Most Popular Advice Topics

#### WORK\*



#### TEACHING THROUGH A PANDEMIC

COVID-19 brought many teaching challenges including taking better care of ourselves and others and learning new technologies. It also broke down barriers between schools and families.



#### FOCUSING ON THE LANGUAGE DOMAINS

"Lemme" tell you why oral English is so difficult and how teachers can strategically plan listening activities. If given the chance, ELs can discover academic vocabulary and use art and artifacts to spice up their writing.



#### ENGAGING EL FAMILIES

EL families often support their children's education in ways that are invisible to schools. A customer service viewpoint and connections with the community can strength school/family relationships.



#### UNDERSTANDING CULTURE

Surface cultural differences are driven by more significant values and beliefs that are often invisible. Learning about the components of culture prepares teachers to interact with EL families more effectively.



#### GETTING TO KNOW KRASHEN

Second language acquisition scholar, Stephen Krashen, shared how many of his personal experiences influenced his thinking about how we come to know a language.