

# Stratenotes

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### ***Should Teachers Adapt Evidence-Based Practices?***

~ Jocelyn Washburn, KUCRL

In May 2018, I was fortunate to be in the audience in Richmond, Virginia, when Don Deshler illuminated a paradigm shift during his presentation to an audience of more than 200 educators. As we implement *evidence-based practices* in our varied contexts, we collect data that serves as our own *practice-based evidence*.

Corroborating this point, Cook & Cook (2011) explain that we need to gather evidence regarding "where and under what conditions a practice works, with whom the practice works, how a practice can be adapted and maintained successfully, and how practitioners feel about a practice" (p. 1). Using conceptual understandings from design research methodology, can we make creative adaptations that respond to school, classroom, and student contextual factors? How do we adapt responsively and responsibly? [Read more](#)<sup>1</sup>

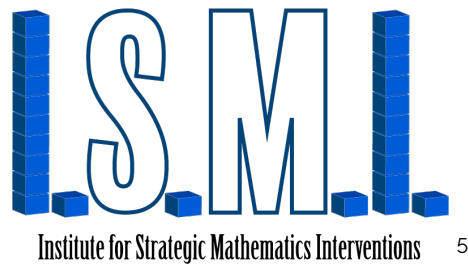
***Don Deshler will speak on this topic at the [2020 Florida SIM Update Conference](#)***<sup>2</sup>

## SIM Announcements

- **2020—a new decade—is only weeks away!**

After gathering input from the 2020 SIM Network Survey and from SIM Professional Development Leaders, we have organized multiple SIM Work Groups led by SIM Professional Development Leaders to reflect on and revisit organizational goals related to supporting the SIM Network. We are looking at 2020 as a reflection year, during which these work groups will set a course for the next decade. As we pause to reflect and set this course, **we will not be hosting the International SIM Update Conference in 2020 in Lawrence.** *If you are planning to attend a SIM Update Conference this year, please consider attending one of the four regional or state update conferences or participating in one of the two virtual conferences.* [Click here for the full list of SIM events.](#) <sup>3</sup>We are very excited about the momentum and ideas generated in the SIM Work Groups, so stay tuned for requests for more input from you and progress reports!

- [KUCRL is now home to the Strategic Math Series of manuals, and a new research institute](#)<sup>4</sup>



Click here if you're interested in working with the research team by becoming a part of the Math Cadre:

- Review and implement the interventions
- Conduct action research
- Serve as a sounding board for projects/plans
- Propose and evaluate PD and classroom activities to complement the Strategic Math Series

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- [SIM author, Nanette Fritschmann, joins the KUCRL research group](#)<sup>7</sup>



#### • Coming Soon!

In 2020, the CRL is excited to present a new Inference Strategy manual with student materials. Currently, research is being conducted to meld the instructional stages of existing Inference Strategy with applications to science-based expository reading materials across several classes in a southern California middle school.

#### • Strategic Partnership Formed with SIM and iDEC

The [Inclusive Digital Era Collaborative \(iDEC\)](#)<sup>8</sup> in collaboration with the Professional Development Research Institute (which includes SIM) was awarded \$120,000 to conduct research and professional development activities as a result of a competitive bidding process through Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). [Read more](#)<sup>9</sup>

### SIM: Tips & Tools

- Powtoons:



[Powtoon - TEACHING DECISION-MAKING FOR SUCCESS IN SCHOOL & EVERYDAY LIFE](#)<sup>10</sup>



[The Inference Strategy: An Overview for Educators](#)<sup>11</sup>



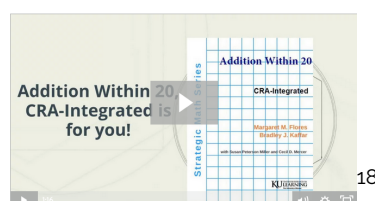
[You Can! With SIM Micro-credentials](#)<sup>13</sup>



[Why SIM Micro-Credentials](#)<sup>15</sup>



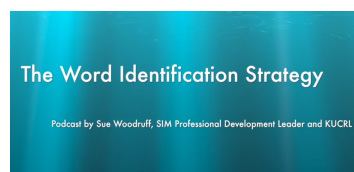
[SIM Stats in 2019 \(Aug\)](#)<sup>17</sup>



[Addition Within 20, CRA-Integrated is for you!](#)<sup>18</sup>

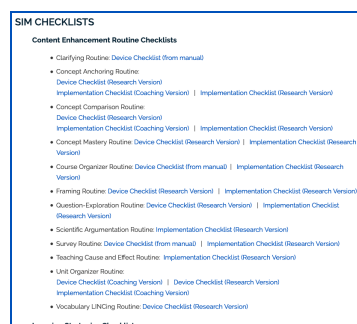
Addition Within 20: [Addition Within 20](#)<sup>19</sup>

## • Podcasts:



[Word ID overview podcast \(Sue Woodruff\)](#)<sup>20</sup>

## • SIM Checklists:



<https://simville.ku.edu/sim-checklists><sup>21</sup>

New interactive coaching checklists included! More to be added soon.

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1. <https://simville.ku.edu/sites/simville.ku.edu/files/docs/Stratenotes/Creative%20Adaptations%20Article.pdf>
2. <https://sim.ku.edu/2020-florida-sim-update-conference>
3. <https://sim.ku.edu/sim-events>
4. <https://simville.ku.edu/sites/simville.ku.edu/files/docs/Stratenotes/ISMI%20Announcement%20Letter.docx>
5. <http://kucrl.ku.edu/ismi>
6. <https://simville.ku.edu/forms.gle/NfKhf63Ev8v4arTc6>

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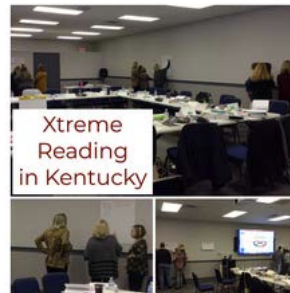
#### Purchase SIM Materials



Does the school you're working with  
need a quote for materials?  
Click here for the most recent copy of  
the [KUCRL order form](#)

#### Where is SIM Happening in the Field?

Angela Bray and Denise Bailey led an Xtreme Reading session in November



#### Upcoming SIM Events

- **Jan. 13 - Feb. 10, 2020**  
[Winter Virtual SIM Update Conference](#)
- **Jan. 23-24, 2020**  
[Arkansas Regional SIM Update Conference](#)  
Conway, AR
- **February 5-6, 2020**  
[Florida Regional SIM Update Conference](#)  
Orlando, FL
- **March 17-18, 2020**  
[Southeast Regional SIM Update Conference](#)  
Charlotte/Concord, NC
- **Apr. 6 - May 4, 2020**  
[Spring Virtual SIM Update Conference](#)
- **June 17-18, 2020**  
[Upper Midwest SIM Update Conference](#)  
St. Cloud, MN
- **Summer 2020**  
Potential Professional Developer Institutes - dates and times TBA