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The single most important thing to break the cycle of poverty is education. Nothing is more crucial to setting a child on the path to be successful in that education than learning to read... to decode and comprehend and fall in love with reading. PLN works side-by-side with professional educators to help them master the strategies that will make our children readers.

Urban children begin school with a myriad of challenges, not the least of which is their lack of words. I love PLN's Four Lenses approach -- no need for extra or special materials... *just* a myriad of practical ways to engage students in the world of words, it helps teachers to create the instruction that entices children to fall into the depths of the written word. It turns classrooms into print-rich, word-rich havens.

Through a coaching style that is specific and totally confirming, it offers the kind of support that teachers crave and that helps them develop into better educators.

I have found Bonnie and her staff to be exemplary partners!

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