Memorization Strategies

**Strategy #1:** How to Memorize Quotes and Poetry - A simple strategy for learners who are readers.

1) Write the quote/recitation on the board.
2) Say it several times together.
3) Ask for a volunteer to come up and erase 2-3 unnecessary words. (The first and last words need to stay until later on in the process.)
4) Say it several times together making sure that repetition is fluent before continuing.
5) Ask for another volunteer to come up and remove another word or 2.
6) Again say it until fluent.
7) Keep removing words until they are all gone.

**Suggestion for individual memorization:** Individuals use small white boards to complete process.

**Strategy #2:** For non-readers: Break the quote into short segments and use repetition.

**Strategy #3:** Add a rhythm when appropriate.

**Strategy #4:** Have learners draw a picture about what the quote means to them.

**Strategy #5:** Review during transition times using as a chant when waiting or going from one place to another.

**Strategy #6:** Practice by using as a callback. (see below)

Starting with a simple phrase or other sentence, the teacher begins saying the first part and the students finish it. This same process works with longer pieces.

a. **Simple phrases:**

Teacher: “Ready Set”          Students: “You Bet!”
Teacher: “Building Success”   Students: “Believe, Achieve, Success!”
Teacher: “R-E-S-P-E-C-T”      Students: “Show respect for you and me.”

b. **Using quotes.**

Teacher: “Done comes”         Students: “with the Doing.”
Teacher: “Where there’s a will” Students: “there’s a way.”