

# **Characteristics of Effective Literacy Environments for Students from Diverse Language & Cultural Backgrounds**

- **Additive**
- **Comprehensible language**
- **Builds on transfer of primary language skills and cultural resources**
- **Cultural accommodation is strategic and instructionally linked**
- **Assessment is contextualized, focuses on strengths, and emphasizes instruction over classification**
- **Curriculum is challenging and engaging, not remedial**

## **CIERA Research-Based Principle 6: Cultural & Linguistic Diversity**

- **Much of the past work in this area has been characterized by a deficit perspective**
- **More recent research suggests that all learners come from communities which vary in sociocultural and sociohistorical characteristics. In turn, this impacts a learner's:**

