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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

Valuing Diversity in the Multicultural Classroom

Educators of adults are increasingly aware that learners within a classroom represent a complex array of personal experiences, values, and intentions that can inform curriculum development and classroom instruction. In adult English as a second language (ESL) and family ESL literacy classrooms, learners' ways of understanding and acting in the world may differ radically from those of the mainstream population. However, too often teachers let their learners' knowledge and views of the world slip by unnoticed.

Adult Learner Retention Revisited

Adult learner retention continues to hold the attention of adult educators in every type of program. In any program, adults are largely voluntary participants, but the student role is just one of many roles and responsibilities competing for their time and attention. Adults usually have pragmatic, focused reasons for participating and will leave whenever they feel their goals have been met or if they feel the program will not satisfy their goals. This digest provides an updated look at research on retention in adult education and suggests effective practices for different settings.

CIAESC Fall Conference Keynote

Susan O'Halloran of O'Halloran Communications will present the Keynote Presentation at the CIAESC 2007 Fall Conference. Ms. O'Halloran will present her keynote immediately following lunch on Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 1:00-2:00 pm.

THE ILLUSIONS OF DIVERSITY: RE-IMAGINING OUR COMMITMENT TO CHANGE

Marcel Proust says that the true voyage of discovery is not to seek new landscapes but to see with new eyes. This interactive presentation challenges us to use new eyes to see the invisible inequities embedded throughout our society. Filled with humor, compassion and hope, Susan O'Halloran's talk will explore the power of awareness and choice to give voice to critical, unspoken questions and to create more inclusive educational opportunities.

She will also present a workshop session at the conference, **Breakthroughs in Cultural Awareness and Skills.**

Web Spotlight

US Census Bureau Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Tool Kit

www.census.gov/field/www/faith

The United States Census Bureau is the leading source of quality data about our nation's people and economy. While the Census Bureau is not a funding agency, it does provide information needed for grant proposals and Federal fund distributions. This tool kit is intended to provide a simple, easy approach to obtaining Census information for grant writing and community needs assessment.

CIAESC Staff Development Events

Horizon WIMBA Walk-Through

Wednesday, August 29, 2007, 10 am - 11 am

Online using Horizon WIMBA

Visual Literacy

Wednesday, August 29, 2007, 1 pm - 2 pm

Online using Horizon WIMBA

Recruitment & Retention Meeting

Wednesday, September 5, 2007, 3:30 am - 4:30 pm

Online using Horizon WIMBA

Horizon WIMBA Walk-Through

Wednesday, September 5, 2007, 10 am - 11 am

Online using Horizon Wimba

Using Excel - The Basics

Wednesday, September 5, 2007, 1 pm - 2 pm

Online using Horizon WIMBA

New (Newer) Teacher Orientation

September 7, 2007, 8:30 am - 3 pm

Richland Community College, One College Park, Decatur, IL 62521

Financial Planning 101

Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 11 am - 12 pm

Online using Horizon WIMBA

Financial Planning 201

Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 11 am - 12 pm

Online using Horizon WIMBA

Math Strategies

Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 1 pm - 2 pm

Online using Horizon WIMBA

Horizon WIMBA Walk-Through

Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 4 pm - 5 pm

Online using Horizon Wimba

Project-Based Learning for All ESL Levels

Thursday, September 13, 2007, 12 pm - 1 pm

Online using Horizon Wimba

ESL Provider Workshop

Friday, September 14, 2007, 9 am – 12 pm

Lincoln Land Community College, Millennium Building Room 1108, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, IL 62794-92561

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Wednesday, September 19, 2007, 1 pm - 2 pm

Online using Horizon WIMBA

There are no registration fees for these workshops. Go to our online calendar at www.cait.org/ciaesc for complete descriptions of these workshops and other Fall, 2007 events.

CIAESC Resource Library Picks

CIAESC maintains a lending resource library of professional and classroom materials (books, videos, audiotapes, disk software and CD-ROMs) and makes the resources available at no cost to all adult education program staff in the Illinois Service Center Network service region. To check out materials listed below or to customize your search for additional resources, please go to our web site, www.cait.org/ciaesc and click on the Resource Library graphic. To find one of the titles listed below, type the title in the search form title field and begin search. Directions to conduct your own search and to check out materials via the online shopping cart are provided. Patrons are encouraged to utilize the online system. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call (800) 572-9033 to arrange for check out.

A Picture is Worth 1,000 Words

The old saying is true. And if you're a writer in need of inspiration, it's also the key to creating an endless number of stories. This resource contains more than 100 photos paired with writing prompts. Many of the prompts are geared toward specific elements enabling students to focus on various aspects of writing. (2007)

Thinking Through Class Discussion

This book presents detailed, effective strategies for helping students raise their level of thinking by going beyond discussion of theory to presentation of actual transcripts of classroom methods in practice as examples. The book investigates and illustrates techniques implemented by trained teachers using Taba methods in class discussions easily adaptable to different teaching content, ages, and ability levels. (1993)

Six-Way Paragraphs Introductory Level

Six-Way Paragraphs Middle Level

Six-Way Paragraphs Advanced Level

A three-level series that teaches the basic skills necessary for reading factual material through the use of the following six types of questions: subject matter, main idea, supporting details, conclusions, clarifying devices, and vocabulary in context. The Introductory Level book targets students with a readability level of 1-4.; Middle Level 4-8; and Advanced Level 8-12. (2000)

Math Excursions K: Project-Based Mathematics

Math Excursions 1: Project-Based Mathematics

Math Excursions 2: Project-Based Mathematics

Designed to help students use math as a tool to pursue projects and conduct investigations, each unit in each book of this 3-part series revolves around a specific project with problem solving as the main emphasis. (1991)

Supporting Struggling Readers

This book examines five phases of literacy: emergent, grounded, expanding, strategic, and reflective. The author presents instructional strategies and assessment techniques for each that support reading development for struggling readers. (1992)