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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

ALRC Tech Tips Newsletter

The theme of November's ALRC Tech Tips is Peruse and Use: Free Photos for Classroom Use. This month's feature is an article discussing getting photos from camera to classroom.

Five Homework Strategies for Teaching Students with Disabilities

Just as students with disabilities may need instructional accommodations in the classroom, they may also need homework accommodations. This digest describes five strategies that researchers have identified to improve homework results for students with disabilities.

Please email GK-Henderson@wiu.edu if you'd like a copy of these articles.

Fall Conference Thank You

"Thank you" to all of you who joined us last month at The Chateau to attend and support our Fall Conference. Applause and thanks also goes to all of our conference presenters who willingly took the time to share their expertise, the ICCB & IACEA staff who attended and participated, the conference vendors, and to our keynote speaker, Susan O'Halloran. Thanks also to the Center for Adult Learning Leadership for their part in sponsorship of Susan as a special guest presenter on Friday.

We hope that those of you who attended found that the conference provided positive opportunities for you and facilitated the sharing of ideas and strategies that you can use in your roles of administrators, teachers, tutors, or support staff in adult education programs. Thanks too for your continued support of other CIAESC staff development efforts. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact us at (800) 572-9033.

Web Spotlight

Teaching Tolerance:

A Web Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center

www.tolerance.org/teach/activities

Teaching Tolerance provides educators with free educational materials that promote respect for differences and appreciation of diversity in the classroom and beyond. The 28 pages of free classroom activities located on the site can be implemented directly or adapted for classroom needs. "Six Lessons from Jena" demonstrates what every school or educator can learn from the recent events in Jena. "Interviewing Immigrants" helps students gain perspective on difficulties of learning a new language and connects the difficulties experienced today with those who arrived during the last 19th and early 20th centuries. Do you have a great lesson plan? Share your ideas and earn some extra cash.

CIAESC Staff Development Events

Onsite Workshops

Using Microsoft Excel

Friday, November 30, 2007 9am-12pm
Spoon River College, Canton, IL 61520

Graphs and Charts

Monday, December 10, 2007 6pm-9pm
Illinois Central College North Campus, Peoria, IL 61614

Workplace Skills Across the Curriculum - Transportation, Warehousing, and Logistics

Friday, December 14, 2007, 9 am - 12 pm
The Branch Campus (Carl Sandburg College), Carthage, IL 61321

Contact CIAESC at (800) 572-9033 to register for these onsite workshops.

Horizon WIMBA Workshops

Using Excel – Functions • Wednesday, November 28, 2007, 1 pm - 2 pm

Citizenship Educators Interest Group Meeting • Thursday, November 29, 2007, 11 am - 12 pm

Piecing Together Good Decisions • Tuesday, December 4, 2007, 11 am - 12 pm

Multiple Intelligences • Tuesday, December 4, 2007, 2 pm - 3 pm

Begin Vocabulary Teaching with a Quadrant Chart • Wednesday, December 5, 2007, 1 pm - 2 pm

Begin Vocabulary Teaching with a Quadrant Chart • Wednesday, December 5, 2007, 6 pm - 7 pm

What to Expect in an Interview • Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 11 am - 12 pm

Civil War Picture Book Box • Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 1 pm - 2 pm

Civil War Picture Book Box • Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 6 pm - 7 pm

Using English for All ESL Learners • Thursday, December 13, 2007, 4 pm - 5 pm

Using Excel - What If Analysis • Wednesday, December 19, 2007, 1 pm - 2 pm

There are no registration fees for any of these workshops. One WIMBA Walkthrough must be taken before attending online sessions. A complete list of Walkthrough sessions can be found at www.thecenterweb.org/alrc/walkthrough/index.asp

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.

Writing to Others

Adults will have plenty of opportunity for practicing everyday types of writing in meaningful contexts. The revised edition of this book helps learners to understand and use appropriate formats for a number of realistic kinds of writing, such as invitations, resumes, condolence letters, emails, blogs, job applications, business letters, internet forms, and more. The structured but non-sequential lessons explain different types of writing, then provide examples and applications. Many of the exercises enable learners to practice real or realistic writing, the kinds of writing they need to do in their daily lives - at home, on the job, and in the community. The book explains and illustrates the requirements of each writing format. Reading Level 5. (2006)

The Whole Cosmos Catalog of Science Activities

Recommended grade level 5-8. This is an oversized book containing a collection of more than 275 stand-alone science activities, puzzles, board games, biographies, and creative arts activities that cover topics in life, earth, physical, and aerospace science along with science and technology subjects such as computers and biomaterials. (1991)

Puzzle Paragraphs

This resource contains all the missing pieces for bridging the connection between reading and writing - and for reinforcing the interdependence of content and structure. Classroom success and higher test scores will no longer be a puzzle for teachers who use this book to teach the essentials of nonfiction literacy. (2007)

Activating the Desire to Learn

We are all driven to fulfill five central needs to connect, to be competent, to make choices, to have fun, and to be safe. Studies show that when these needs are met in schools, good behavior and high achievement tend naturally to ensue. The author shows how to apply lessons from the research on motivation in the classroom. (2007)

How to Use the Internet in ELT

This guide is a starting point for teachers of English who want more experience with using the internet and acquiring resources from it for their classrooms. The six units cover email, newsgroups, mailing lists, chatrooms, how to find ELT materials, using the Internet as a classroom, creating Internet-based activities, designing an Internet-based course, and more. (2000)