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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

The Balancing Act of Adult Life

Life in the 21st century seems more complex than ever, as adults cope with the demands of multiple roles, the stresses of a fluid workplace, and the pressures of child and elder care. Individuals feel compelled to update their work-related knowledge and skills and to keep up with the proliferation of information. Family resource management is increasingly complex, with expanded choices and decisions that must be made about utilities, banking, investments, retirement planning, etc. The Internet has simultaneously made it easier to access information, yet more complicated to apply critical judgment to what one finds. Many of us feel, “in over our heads” as we strive to “balance” our life domains.

Numeracy in the Adult ESL Classroom

This digest examines numeracy for adults learning English as a second language (ESL) as well as for those who teach them. It focuses on learners with low literacy skills and provides curriculum ideas and resources for use in the classroom. While many suggestions are based on the author’s experiences in teaching adult immigrants in Canada, they are applicable to adult ESL instruction in other English-speaking countries.

Art Education in the Social Studies

The symbiotic relationship between art and social studies suggests them for compatible pairing in an integrated curriculum. Social studies presents knowledge of human experiences, while art has the power to provide an intimate understanding of human experiences through personal encounters that yield insights. Art, as a way of knowing, presents a kind of knowledge that the facts and abstractions of the social studies cannot make known.

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

Web Spotlight

RubiStar

<http://rubistar.4teachers.org/index.php>

Want to make exemplary rubrics in a short amount of time? Try RubiStar out! Registered users can save and edit rubrics online. You can access them from home, school, or on the road. Registration and use of this tool is free, so click the Register link in the login area to the right to get started now. Choose from 10 topics and create customizable rubrics based on templates.

CIAESC Staff Development Events

There are no registration fees for any of these workshops. Contact CIAESC to register for the onsite workshops. One WIMBA Walkthrough must be taken before attending online sessions. A complete list of Walkthrough sessions and on-line registration 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.

How to Use the Internet in ELT

This all new guide is the perfect 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. Detailed appendices list relevant websites, and a special Task File section contains photocopiable review exercises for each chapter. (2000)

The Fantastic World of M.C.Escher

The works of the Dutch graphic artist, M.C. Escher, have intrigued and delighted for generations. Who was the man behind the intricate and mysterious designs? What inspired his works? And what are the mathematical principles that form the basis for so much of his art? This 50-minute video answers these questions and enriches understanding and appreciation of Escher and his art. (1994)

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)

Top-Up Listening 1

Top-Up Listening 2

Top-Up Listening 3

This is a three part listening skills series (3 books and 3 audio CDs) for elementary through pre-intermediate level learners (young adults and adults). A wide variety of listenings give students practice in prediction, inferencing, using knowledge of context, listening for gist, listening for overall understanding, and listening for specific information. 25-40 hours of classroom material per text and over 15 units on topics chosen to stimulate and engage. (2003)