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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

Cross-Age and Peer Tutoring

WHAT ARE THEY? Cross-age and peer tutoring are methods of instruction in which learners help each other and in turn learn by teaching. This article details how to get started, the benefits, and examples of effective programs.

Newspapers as a Teaching Resource for Adult Learners

Despite the existence of the "Newspaper in Education" (NIE) program in many elementary and secondary schools, the newspaper remains an often overlooked resource which can be incorporated into almost any teaching curriculum, and which is particularly useful for teaching older remedial students and adults. This article discusses some ways in which newspapers can be used in teaching language skills and basic literacy to adults and learning disabled students, as well as to students of English as a Second Language.

World History in the Secondary School Curriculum

This ERIC Digest looks at some of the key questions in the debate over world history. It examines (1) the background for issues of curriculum reform in world history, (2) the choice between Western and "world" history, (3) the trend toward social history, (4) the viability of the traditional historical survey, and (5) the issue of whether world history should be taught over more than one year.

ALRC Tech Tips January, 2008

This edition focuses on "Concepts in Video" - videos for ESL, ABE/GED, GED/Advanced ESL and Making Your Own (very simple) Videos.

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

Web Spotlight

PocketMod: The Free Recyclable Personal Organizer

www.pocketmod.com

The PocketMod is a new way to keep organized. PDAs are expensive, and organizers are bulky and hard to carry around. With the PocketMod, you can carry around the day's notes and keep them organized in any way you wish. Students will also find the PocketMod useful, helping them to get organized or keep math charts handy. You will need the [Flash Player](#) in order to run the application. PocketMod will run in your browser. Once it has printed, you will need to fold it into the "PocketMod" form. Happy organizing!

CIAESC Staff Development Events

Horizon WIMBA Walk-Through

Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 10 am - 11 am

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Do you Know that 1 in 4 US Adults is Functionally Illiterate?

Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 1 pm - 2 pm

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

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Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 6 pm - 7 pm

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Teaching Students to Use Syllable Types for Decoding

Thursday, February 21, 2008, 3 pm - 4 pm

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

BEST Plus Training

Friday, February 22, 2008, 9 am - 3:30 pm

Heartland Community College, Normal

No registration fee. Contact CIAESC to register.

Textbook Tools to Make and Take - Decision 2008

Friday, February 22, 2008, 9 am - 3 pm

Quincy Public Schools Adult Education, Quincy

No registration fee. Contact CIAESC to register.

Graphs and Charts 2008

Monday, February 25, 2008, 6 pm - 9 pm

Illinois Central College North, Peoria

No registration fee. Contact CIAESC to register.

Using Excel - The Basics

Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 11 am - 12 pm

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Textbook Tools to Make and Take - Decision 2008

Friday, February 29, 2008, 9 am - 3 pm

Macon-Piatt Adult Education, Decatur

No registration fee. Contact CIAESC to register.

Red States, Blue States, Platforms, Debates - What's It All About?

Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 1 pm - 2 pm

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Horizon WIMBA Walk-Through

Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 5 pm - 6 pm

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Using Excel - Managing Data Using Filters

Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 6 pm - 7 pm

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

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.

Everyday Forms

It is almost impossible to get through life without ever having to fill out a form. This book is divided into 6 chapters and 30 lessons. Each lesson contains a different kind of form, at work or at school, bank forms, medical forms, postal forms, consumer forms, and government forms. (1994)

Speaking Skills

This self-paced text-workbook focuses on improving the basic speaking skills of students. Students will learn the value of polished personal and job-related speaking skills. The realistic exercises quickly teach students how essential good speaking skills are for job success. All answers for the exercises and the pretest and posttest are included for independent, self-paced learning. (1993)

Spelling The 100 Most Used Words

The 100 words contained in this text-workbook represent a surprising 50 percent of all the words used in business - a perfect start for developing spelling competency and confidence. Students are introduced to the origin of a number of the words in our language. All answers for the exercises and the pretest and posttest are included for independent, self-paced learning. (1993)

Making Major Financial Decisions

This text covers the basic information needed to help students develop these financial decision-making skills. Students learn the terms and skills needed to establish credit and to make major decisions on housing and transportation. All answers are provided for the exercises and the pre- and post-tests for independent, self-paced learning. (1993)

Basic Math with A Calculator

Basic math skills are vital to improving both personal interactions and employment opportunities. This text-workbook presents clear objectives followed by short segments of material with specific exercises. The pretest, posttest, glossary, index, answers, and personal progress record are designed to facilitate and enhance independent student learning and successful achievement. (1993)