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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

Enhancing Students' Socialization

Coping with students who display problems in personal and social adjustment can be frustrating. Success in teaching problem students often requires extra time, energy, and patience. Recent research reviewed by Jones (1996) indicates that teachers rank individual students who have serious or persistent behavior problems as their chief cause of stress. However, teachers can take direct actions toward minimizing classroom conflicts by socializing students into a classroom environment conducive to learning.

Video as a Professional Development Tool

For the past five years, the National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL) at Rutgers University research team has worked closely with the New Brunswick Public Schools Adult Learning Center on a study examining student engagement. During the data collection process we observed and videotaped classes, interviewed teachers and learners, and worked with teachers to analyze data. The video data played a central role in the research. It also turned out to be an unexpected source of professional development for the six teachers who participated.

The Critical Poetry Project: Giving Voice to the Oppressed

This article chronicles the personal reflections of the corrections teacher who applied for a grant to start "The Critical Poetry Project". Her intent was that poetry would have value as a tool for creating community and unity among diverse groups of male offenders; she wanted it to enhance the social interaction between racial and ethnic populations in order to reduce conflict, and she wanted poetry to help students learn how to attain and improve their academic skills and cultivate positive attitudes about themselves.

Service, Social Studies, and Citizenship

While service-learning is not the only way to engage young people in communities to teach civic skills and virtues, service has the potential to play a central role in citizenship education.

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

Web Spotlight

Doing What Works: Academic English

<http://dwww.ed.gov>

Academic English is the formal language of school-based learning, the academic disciplines and reasoned discourse. It includes reading, writing, speaking and listening. Doing What Works is a website dedicated to helping educators identify and make use of effective teaching practices. A free online video on this site explains the concept of academic English and why it is important. It emphasizes teaching academic language throughout the day, in content-area classes, English language development classes and reading classes.

CIAESC Staff Development Events

TABE 9/10

Friday, March 14, 2008, 9 am - 12 pm • Monmouth PASS, Monmouth

New (Newer) Teacher Orientation

Tuesday March 18 AND Wednesday March 19, 2008, 6 pm - 9 pm • Richland Community College, Decatur
Please note that this workshop is presented in two parts and participants must attend both sessions

Affixes = Prefixes + Suffixes

Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 1 pm - 2 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

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Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 3 pm - 5 pm • Richland Community College, Decatur

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Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 6 pm - 7 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

EZ Spelling Solutions

Thursday, March 20, 2008, 10 am - 11 am • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Web 2.0 Tools & Stuff

Tuesday, March 25, 2008, 1 pm - 2 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Using Excel - Managing Data Using Filters

Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 1 pm - 2 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Transitioning the Adult Education Student

Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 6 pm - 7 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Explore EL/Civics Online

Thursday, March 27, 2008, 2 pm - 3 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Math Sum-It!

Friday, March 28, 2008, 8:30 am - 4 pm • Capital City Center, Springfield

Safeguard Your Identity

Tuesday, April 1, 2008, 8 pm - 9 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Food Safety

Wednesday, April 2, 2008, 1 pm - 2 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Food Safety

Wednesday, April 2, 2008, 6 pm - 7 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Science and Social Studies from January to December

Friday, April 4, 2008, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm • Heartland Community College, Normal

Using Google's "Special" Features

Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 12 pm - 1 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Working with Words about Math

Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 1 pm - 2 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

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Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 6 pm - 7 pm • Online Using Horizon WIMBA

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.

Grassroots: Poems by Carl Sandburg

With a Midwest theme, this book of short poems is designed to give appreciation to the past life of the Midwest area. Included with each of the seventeen poems, come paintings by Wendell Minor that explicitly depict the poems meaning. (1998)

School House Rock!

Disney's famous multi-E Emmy award winning Schoolhouse Rock teaches students -and yes, adults -the power of grammar in the English language. This video contains memorable songs, including "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly, Get Your Adverbs Here," "Conjunction Junction" and "Interjections!" The video also contains exclusive bonus programming of recent rock stars singing their favorite Schoolhouse Rock songs. Approximately 30 minutes. (1995)

Theater Games for the Classroom: A Teacher's Handbook

This book is designed for teachers with little experience and/or training in theater and provides step-by-step ways on how to incorporate theater games in the classroom. According to the book, theater games provide an excellent way to bring refreshment, vitality, interaction and more into the classroom. (1986)

Essential Idioms in English

A compiled list of over 600 modern English idioms for a variety of levels including: elementary, intermediate, and advanced students. Each idiom is provided with a definition and lists several example sentences to maximize understanding. Finally, this book provides multiple-choice, matching, true-false, and fill-in-the-blank exercises for each section. (1994)

Internet English Student Book

Internet English Teacher's Book

This is a WWW-based conversation course for pre-intermediate and intermediate learners. It helps them develop the skills to autonomously surf the World Wide Web for information that is relevant to them, while providing a structured framework to practice conversation skills through communicative tasks that are challenging, motivating and fun. The Teacher's Book provides notes on presenting the units, optional activities, and more. Each item must be requested separately from the Online Resource Library. (2000)