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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

Reading on the Rise: A New Chapter in American Literacy

The National Endowment for the Arts' new report (2008) documents a significant turning point in recent American cultural history. For the first time in over a quarter-century, our survey shows that literary reading has risen among adult Americans. After decades of declining trends, there has been a decisive and unambiguous increase among virtually every group measured in this comprehensive national survey.

A Study of Classroom Literacy Interventions and Outcomes in Even Start

Two previous studies of the Even Start Program showed that parents and children who participated in Even Start did not have better literacy outcomes than parents and children in a randomly assigned control group that did not receive Even Start services. The Even Start Classroom Literacy Interventions and Outcomes (CLIO) Study is the third randomized study of Even Start. As opposed to the earlier evaluations that investigated the effectiveness of Even Start relative to randomly assigned control groups in which parents and children were not enrolled in Even Start, the CLIO offered the combination of research-based, literacy-focused early childhood education and parenting education curricula. The CLIO study was intended to determine (1) whether the CLIO combined curricula were more effective than existing Even Start instructional services, and (2) whether research-based parenting education curricula that focus on child literacy added value to research-based, literacy-focused early childhood education curricula. This report presents 2-year impacts of the CLIO curricula on child language, literacy, and social competence; parenting skills; parent literacy; and instructional practices and participation in preschool and parenting classes.

The Adult Learner and the Applied Baccalaureate: Emerging Lessons for State and Local Implementation

In the nation's changing economy, there is an increasing necessity for baccalaureate level education for jobs that have never before required that level of education. One potential solution to issues related to baccalaureate attainment and workforce development is the applied baccalaureate degree. Applied baccalaureate degrees have arisen from a number of convergent forces to provide a bachelor's degree option for participants in Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree or applied associate degree programs offered primarily in occupational-technical (or career-technical) education program areas. These degree programs represent a potentially important curriculum path to the baccalaureate for a significant number of postsecondary students. "The Adult Learner and the Applied Baccalaureate" project is designed to provide federal, state, and local educational leaders and policy makers with information about the applied baccalaureate degree in the United States.

The Next Challenge: Advancement of Low-Skilled, Low-Wage Workers

With the series "Advancement for Low-Wage Workers," Jobs for the Future seeks to elevate discussion of this critical issue within and outside the workforce field. These occasional papers address public policy and on-the-ground practice. "The Next Challenge," the series introduction, argues for placing not just employment, but also advancement at the center of employment and training policy. It defines career advancement as a goal, explores key challenges and opportunities, and highlights strategies to help significantly more low-skill workers move up to better jobs and family-supporting earnings.

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

Web Spotlight

News for You – America’s only weekly newspaper for adult learners *www.newsforyouonline.com*

Read and listen to each week’s front page stories. Students can listen to the whole story, or they can listen sentence-by-sentence to reinforce fluency, pronunciation, and comprehension skills. Each story is accompanied by a pdf Teacher’s Guide, Classroom Ideas section, and a collection of responses from other readers. The site also provides a three-month archive of past top stories.

Wimba Wednesday Professional Development **June 17, 2009**

Still need Professional Development hours before June 30th? Wimba Wednesday to the rescue! A full day of Professional Development covering many different topics will take place on June 17, 2009. There’s something for everyone. Participants will receive a certificate of participation worth one hour of Professional Development for EACH session.

7:00 – 8:00 am

Health, Fitness, & Contextualized Instruction • Presenter: Colleen Potter

8:30 – 9:30 am

Web 2.0 Tools and Stuff • Presenter: Todd Jorns

10:00 – 11:00 am

Reading Skills for Advanced Learners: Reading for Inference • Presenters: Linda Cox and Colleen Potter

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers About TABE 9/10 • Presenter: Colleen Potter

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Cluster, Pathways, and Programs of Study • Presenter: Raemarie Oatman

2:30 – 3:30 pm

Create an ESL Survival Kit! • Presenter: Karen Hilgeman

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Using Newspapers in ESL Classes • Presenter: Laurie Martin

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Predicting! Help Your Readers be Active Readers • Presenter: Debbe Rigney-Hays

PLEASE NOTE: One Wimba Walk-Through must be completed before attending any sessions. View complete descriptions for each session and available Walk-Throughs at www.excellenceinadulthood.com. Register online for both Walk-Throughs and sessions.

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.

Éxito En El Norte Preview

Éxito En El Norte Taxes

Éxito En El Norte Healthcare

Éxito En El Norte Public Assistance

Éxito En El Norte Education

Éxito En El Norte Finances

Éxito En El Norte The Legal System

Éxito En El Norte Immigration

The **Éxito En El Norte (Success in the U.S.)** DVD series is designed to help Spanish-speaking immigrants make a successful transition to living in the US. Presented by hosts speaking in Spanish (no English subtitles, but print transcripts are included with each DVD), the 25-30 minute programs cover each of the seven topics in depth (Taxes, Healthcare, Public Assistance, Education, Finances, The Legal System, and Immigration) and present clear graphics and scenes of everyday people dealing with relevant life-skills situations. This is a valuable asset to anyone working in Spanish-speaking populations. This series also includes a Preview DVD, making a total of 8 parts that should be requested individually from the CIAESC Resource Library. (2006)

The DVD series was donated to the CIAESC Resource Library by Experience Education.

Cambridge Academic Content Dictionary

This new dictionary defines the vocabulary students need to succeed in high school and beyond. Its entries include more than 2,000 key vocabulary items from the content areas of American and world history, social studies, language arts, math, chemistry, earth science, physics, and other disciplines. It also highlights and defines the more than 1,000 general vocabulary items used in academic writing and speech, such as "analyze," "derive," and "subsequent." In addition to academic content words, the dictionary provides full coverage of the everyday words and phrases students need to know. A CD-ROM (Windows/Mac) dictionary and thesaurus is included. Go to www.cambridge.org/elt/cacd/ for more information about the dictionary and CD. (2009)

Math Starters

Over 650 ready-to-use math starters that get students quickly focused and working on math! Perfect for any math curriculum, these high-interest problems spark involvement in the day's lesson, help students build skills, and allow you to handle daily management tasks without wasting valuable instructional time. Part I, "Making Math Starters a Part of Your Program" gives teachers practical suggestions for implementing math starters, and Part II, "Math Starters" provides six collections of math-starter problems related to six major areas of secondary math, including: Whole Numbers: Theory & Operations; Fractions, Decimals & Percents; Measurement; Geometry; Algebra; and Potpourri. (1999)

Key Words for Fluency

This resource concentrates on those words which students need to communicate in English. It emphasizes those very common words which occur in lots of different contexts and identifies around 150 nouns which are essential for fluency. Each unit deals with one word and on average covers 20 of its most important collocations, teaching over 3,000 lexical items. Intermediate level. (2005)