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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

Putting Students on the Path to Learning: The Case for Fully-Guided Instruction

Disputes about the impact of instructional guidance during teaching have been ongoing for decades. On one side of this argument are those who believe that all people learn best when provided with instruction that contains unguided or partly guided segments. On the other side are those who believe that ideal learning environments for experts and novices differ; while experts often thrive without much guidance, nearly everyone else thrives when provided with full, explicit instructional guidance.

<http://www.aft.org/pdfs/americaneducator/spring2012/Clark.pdf>

Differentiated Instruction

This article answers the question "What is Differentiated Instruction" and explains how teachers can utilize it in the classroom to meet the varying needs of learners.

<http://www.gatewayk12.org/files/differentiatedinstruction.pdf>

Teaching Practice In the Making: Shaping and Reshaping the Field of Adult Language, Literacy and Numeracy Teaching

This paper analyzes the ways in which four experienced teachers shape and reshape their classroom practice to create transformative learning for their learners.

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/PDFS/EJ972829.pdf>

Reflecting On My Teaching Practices

Research has shown that deliberate and critical reflection on teaching practices contributes to excellence in teaching, and improved educational outcomes. What does critical reflection involve and what questions can teachers ask to critically reflect on their teaching practices?

http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/downloads/early_middle/ey_lt_reflect_teaching_prac.pdf

If you cannot access the provided link, please email GK-Henderson@wiu.edu to request the pdf file.

Web Spotlight

Practical Money Skills for Life **www.practicalmoneyskills.com**

To help consumers and students of all ages learn the essentials of personal finance, Visa has partnered with leading consumer advocates, educators, and financial institutions to develop this site. Consumers, educators, parents, and students can access free educational resources, including personal finance articles, games and lesson plans.

GoToTraining Online Professional Development

What can i-Pathways do for you?

Tuesday, January 8, 2013 • 2:30pm-3:30pm

Explore how i-Pathways can help the traditional classroom instructor provide engaging instruction to a multi-level class of adult learners and help a program build a distance learning offering. i-Pathways is flexible and can be used as an in-class supplement, as a hybrid, and solely at a distance. Join us in this informational webinar to discover what i-Pathways has to offer you. Discover how i-Pathways is on the cutting edge of the common core standards and will be ready for any high school equivalency exam in 2014.

Marketing i-Pathways

Friday, January 11, 2013 • 10:00am - 11:00am

How do you market your online program? How is marketing tied to student retention? Join this interactive discussion and learn how to market your online option. Share ideas and walk away with several ideas that can easily be implemented into your program immediately.

i-Pathways: Getting Students Ready for Computer-Based Testing

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 • 1:00pm-2:00pm

What will computer based testing look like? What are the computer skills that students need to be successful on the GED® 2014 test. Join this interactive discussion about getting students ready for computer based testing.

i-Pathways New User Training - Part 1 of 2

Monday, January 21, 2013 • 9:30am-10:30am

Explore the features and functionality of the i-Pathways Teacher Center. Discover how to navigate the system, use the tools, and guide students through the curriculum. Part I will explore the orientation, teacher resources, and curriculum.

i-Pathways: Advanced Teacher Training

Friday, January 25, 2013 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Join this discussion as student scenarios are presented and the participants share tips, ideas, and strategies to solve common student issues. Topics discussed will include orientation, assessing instruction, and getting students to the GED® Test.

i-Pathways New User Training - Part 2

Monday, January 28, 2013 9:30am-10:30am

For the second part of this New User Training, we will explore the features and functionality related to getting students registered into the curriculum, changing student status, gathering attendance data for reporting. There will be time for questions and answers related to the online teaching and learning process.

Building ESL Speaking Skills

Monday, February 11, 2013 12:00pm-1:00pm

Some students enter beginning ESL classes capable of only a few words. Helping these students with vocabulary and fluency skills so that they can express their thoughts and ideas will be the focus of this online training.

Register for these sessions at www.excellenceinadulthood.com - click on "PD at a Distance"

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.

Discovering Fiction: An Introduction

Discovering Fiction: Student's Book 1

Discovering Fiction: Student's Book 2

Discovering Fiction is a three-level anthology of contemporary and classic short stories that teaches literary appreciation, reading skills, grammar, and vocabulary. The series features such well-known authors as Isaac Asimov, Sandra Cisneros, Kate Chopin, Ernest Hemingway, Langston Hughes, and Nathaniel Hawthorne. Stories in the Student's Book 1 & Student's Book 2 are unsimplified, while An Introduction includes stories that have been simplified and an audio CD of the readings. This allows lower-level students to enjoy classic North American literature, including works by such authors as Edgar Allan Poe, Mark Twain, Sinclair Lewis, and Morley Callaghan. Please request each item separately. (2008)

School House Rock!

Disney's famous multi-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 videotape also contains exclusive bonus programming of recent rock stars singing their favorite Schoolhouse Rock songs. Approximately 30 minutes. (1995)

Understanding Your International Students

Why do some Japanese students avoid eye contact? What is the role of the Koran in the Saudi education system? Are heated discussions encouraged in Russian schools? A superb quick-reference tool for sensitizing teachers to the myriad differences that exist among schools and students around the world, this comprehensive text surveys educational cultures of the many countries whose students top the international student enrollment lists in the US. For each country, the following information is provided: a statistical profile, an in-depth culture summary, a table proving information related to school routines and procedures, sections on educational policy and teaching/learning styles, and problem/solution scenarios. In addition to presenting facts by country, the last section of the book presents facts by language, familiarizing the reader with the sound system, writing system, grammar and organization of languages from Arabic to Vietnamese. (2003)

A Grand Day Out VHS Video Cassette

A Grand Day Out Student Book

A Grand Day Out Teacher's Book

A 3-part beginning English language learning series. Join Wallace & his dog Gromit on their adventures. These adaptations with the world-famous animated film characters feature a clever story line combined with humor and brilliant characterization. The Student Book in the series features stills from the video and related language exercises. The Teacher's Book provides specific teaching notes for each episode. Please request each item separately. (2003)