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TEACHING READING IN THE CONTENT AREAS – KRISTINA SMEKENS



When faced with students who struggle with basic reading skills, it is difficult to teach within the content areas. This one-day workshop provides educators with practical strategies to support struggling readers, increase comprehension, and incorporate writing across the curriculum.

Join Kristina Smekens, a very popular and talented educator for Teaching Reading in the Content Areas at the Huntingburg Event Center on Friday, May 7, 2010 from 8:30. – 3:30 ET. The cost is \$225 for ESC members and \$295 for non-members. Register today or learn more by visiting our workshop website - www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops .

TEACHING WRITING IN TODAY'S CLASSROOM



Curriculum directors, principals, and teachers are invited to attend this five-day summer intensive writing instruction workshop. Current writing programs will be discussed and analyzed, as they pertain to classroom instruction

and their relevance in improving ISTEP scores. Participants will take away with them a resource book with lists of mentor text sets, professional books, writing lessons, and much more. In addition, they will begin an Implementation Plan for improved classroom writing instruction. They will leave energized and armed with new knowledge to promote higher student involvement in their own writing, resulting in a positive impact on test scores. The workshop will be held at the SIEC from June 28 through July 2 from 9:00 – 3:00 ET each day and the cost is \$625 for SIEC/ESC members. The presenters, Marsha Wells, Pam Lowe, and Barb Hager, have a combined total of 68 years of teaching experience and are state writing consultants and ISTEP scorers. For further information or to register, visit www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops

IMPROVING ISTEP WRITING SKILLS USING THE SIMPLE 6

REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO APRIL 30



Kay Davidson will be the presenter for this workshop on May 13 at the SIEC. Our workshop will run 9:00 - 3:00 ET. The intended audience is Grade 1-6 teachers. Learn how easy it really is to improve your student's writing scores! Everything you learn will be based on the Indiana academic standards and ISTEP+. This hands-on workshop will focus on standardized assessment, prompt format, Prompt Attack, program implementation, scoring, and data analysis. Participants will receive a copy of the book, "The Simple 6: A Writing Rubric for Kids." The cost for the workshop is \$175 for ESC members. For further details or to register, visit: www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops

THE SIMPLE 6 FOR BEGINNING WRITERS IN GRADES K-2

REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO APRIL 30



This full-day workshop focuses on motivation for beginning writers. Learn how to integrate The Simple 6 as you read aloud to your students each day. Kay Davidson, author of The Simple 6 will give you the information and hands-on practice you need to teach beginning writers to aspire to a Score 6 on formal writing assessments. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 12, at the SIEC from 9:00 – 3:30 ET and each participant will receive a copy of the book, "The Simple 6 for Beginning Writers." The cost is \$175 for ESC members and you can learn more about the workshop by visiting: www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops

A SALUTE TO OUR OFFICE PROFESSIONALS



April is the month to recognize our Office Professionals. The SIEC wants to recognize our own Office Professionals, Sharon Gunselman, Peggy Wiesehan, and Teresa Stuffle who help every day to keep things running smoothly and efficiently at the SIEC. We also salute all of the Office Professionals in our member-schools for ALL the many things you do to support making your school the best place for our youth!

VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE



A great addition to think about for the 2010-2011 School Year! During the 2008-09 school year, five SIEC schools served in a pilot for a video streaming test project that involved all nine Indiana education service centers. Based on the project results, Learn360 was selected as the video streaming service provider as their content of nearly 8,500 videos plus video clips, audio files, and still pictures best met the needs of member educators. A recent addition to LEARN 360 is the award winning Reading Rainbow series. Learn360 video streaming is now available to SIEC schools at a special rate. The cost is \$525 per building for the 2010-2011 school year and includes set-up and training. If you have questions, please contact Amy at the SIEC.

TITLE I NETWORKING SESSION



A Title I Networking Session is scheduled for Thursday morning, May 6, at the SIEC. Details on The Learning Connection will be shared by Yancy Unger, Learning Technologies Specialist from the IDOE. As part of a federal grant for developing statewide data systems, The Learning Connection provides data, resources, and tools to support student achievement. The session will also include information about the Title I Online Modules available through the IDOE website. This will be shared by Wendi Nurrenbern, Literacy Coach at Huntingburg Elementary School. The modules address the curriculum, instruction, and formative assessments of student groups not meeting AYP. The session runs from 9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. ET and there is no charge to attend. For further information or to register, visit www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops

GRANT WRITING 101 FOR EDUCATORS



Do you have a great idea to support teaching or learning in your school, classroom or library? Do you need funding or other resources to support it? This workshop, scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 from 9:00 – 3:00 ET, will help demystify the grant-seeking process.

Participants will:

- learn grant writing basics
- identify a variety of grant sources for small and large initiatives
- tweak grant requests to better match interests of potential donors
- explore grant writing resources
- draft a grant proposal outline for a project of interest

The workshop will be held at the SIEC with Nancy Miller of INTEConsulting as the presenter. The cost is \$140 for SIEC/ESC members and participants are asked to bring a laptop computer if possible. For further details or to register, visit the SIEC website at: www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops

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**NORTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
PRESENTS
WORKING WITH PARENTS OF PROBLEM STUDENTS
WITH PRESENTER AND AUTHOR, JOHN ROSEMOND**



The North Spencer County School Corporation is proud to present nationally syndicated columnist, best-selling author and recognized parenting expert John Rosemond at a parenting seminar on Wednesday, August 4, 2010. John Rosemond has worked with families, children, and parents since 1971 in the field of family psychology. In 1971, John earned his masters in psychology from Western Illinois University and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. From 1971-1979, he worked as a psychologist in Illinois and North Carolina and directed several mental health programs for children. From 1980-1990, John was in full-time practice as a family psychologist in Gastonia, North Carolina. Presently, his time is devoted to speaking and writing. John is syndicated in approximately 225 newspapers, including the Atlanta Journal Constitution. He has written twelve best-selling books, nine of which are published in 16 different countries. Some of his titles include: *A Family of Value*, *Because I Said So!*, *Ending the Homework Hassle*, *John Rosemond's NEW Parent Power!*, *John Rosemond's New Six Point Plan*, *Making the "Terrible" Two's Terrific!*, *Teen-Proofing*, *Parenting By The Book*, and *The Diseasing of America's Children*. For more information on John, go to his website at www.rosemond.com. John Rosemond will be appearing at Heritage Hills High School on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (Central Time). *Working With Parents of Problem Students* is a 90 minute professional development opportunity for teachers, counselors, school psychologists, administrators, and other education professionals. It is consistently rated as "the best in-service I have ever attended." The emphasis throughout is on practical, field-tested strategies for assigning full responsibility for classroom behavior and academic performance to the underachieving/problem child. The cost to attend this 90-minute mini-workshop is \$15 to those outside of North Spencer County School Corporation. Registration is required to attend. Please visit the Southern Indiana Education Center website to register for Working with Parents of Problem Students: www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops

THANKS TO OUR SIEC VAN DRIVERS



The SIEC wishes to salute our van drivers who visit each of our SIEC member-schools weekly. They arrive early in the mornings to pack their vans with media items for schools to use as well as return of AV and computer repairs, refilled toner cartridges, delivering correspondence, STARLABS, and more! They brave all sorts of weather to drop off and pick up at your schools. They are our first line of service to our schools and we appreciate them! Our van drivers are Hearld Stuffle, Ron LaGrange and Ron Brosmer.

MATH INTERVENTIONS - SUPPORTING M-CLASS MATH ASSESSMENT

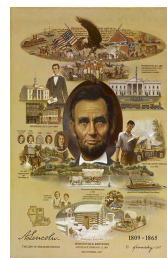


In this highly-engaging workshop planned for Tuesday, May 4, participants will have hands-on experience in teaching math concepts and skills using math intervention activities. The primary purpose of these intervention activities is to develop fluency in math facts. The four main principles that guide these interventions are:

- ◆ Give students strategies that will facilitate learning
- ◆ Practice to mastery
- ◆ Help students see how basic facts generalize
- ◆ Link strategic understanding to visual representation

Susan Parnell will present this workshop that will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET at the SIEC. K-2 Teachers and Paraprofessionals and K-5 Title I Staff are invited to attend. The cost is \$175 for SIEC/ESC members and includes a Math Interventions book and lunch. For further information or to register, visit www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops

THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM BICENTENNIAL PROJECT Special Pricing!



Many schools in Indiana are joining in to participate in the "Life of Abraham Lincoln Project". The first shipment of paintings will arrive soon. There are a limited number of paintings not spoken for and are being offered at this one-time reduced price, due to a savings with the printer and framers. The painting, "The Life of Abraham Lincoln" by Indiana artist Thomas Kennedy,

has been named the official painting of the Lincoln Bicentennial celebration by both the state of Indiana and Kentucky. The project to work with schools across our state to get a copy of the painting in every school has been supported by former State Superintendent Dr. Suellen Reed and now State Superintendent Dr. Tony Bennett. Schools are encouraged to seek community, corporate, or foundation funding or hold special fund raising events in their community to help raise the \$250 needed for a framed lithograph of the painting. To learn more about this project, contact J. Scott Turney, Southern Indiana Education Center – < jsturney@siec.k12.in.us > or Amy Gonnerman < agonnerm@siec.k12.in.us > (812) 482-6641, Judy Litherland Butcher – AEP Indiana Michigan Power - < jlbutcher@aep.com > 812-453-7505, or Chris Middleton – Farmers Agent Insurance- < cmiddleton@farmersagent.com > 812-568-0525. To learn more about artist Thomas Kennedy and this project, go to: http://www.doe.in.gov/super/2009/10-October/100209/documents/lincoln_painting_partnership.pdf



SIEC Schedule of Events 2009 - 2010



April 16	Exploring 21 st Century Skills –SIEC – 9:00 – 3:30
April 20	Grant Writing 101 for Educators – 9:00 – 3:00 - SIEC
April 22	Spring Media Meeting - 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Forest Park Jr/Sr High
April 28	Learning How to Use IAESC e-Procurement - SIEC Session I - 9:30 - 11:00 Session II - 1:00 - 2:30
May 4	Math Interventions with M-Class -SIEC - 9:00 - 3:00
May 6	Title I Networking - SIEC - 9:00 - 11:30
May 6	Partners in Education Planning Session - Schnitzelbank - 11:45 - 1:15
May 7	Reading in Content Areas – Grades 3-12 – Kristina Smekens - 8:30 – 3:30
May 12	Simple 6 for Beginning Writers – K-2 – SIEC – 9:00 – 3:30
May 13	Simple 6 – Improving Prompt Writing Skills for ISTEP – Grades 1-6 – 9:00 – 3:30
May 14	Innovations and Revolutions - Geography and History of the World - Standard 6 - SIEC 9:00- 3:00
June 9-10	Teaching American History Grant Session IV – Huntingburg Event Center – 9:00 – 3:00
June 15	Indiana Teachers Retirement Fund - One-to-One Sessions - SIEC - 8:00 - 5:00
June 21-25	Teaching American History Field Study Trip – Washington D.C
June 23	Differentiation for High Ability Learners - Event Center - 8:30 - 3:00
June 28 - July 2	Teaching Writing in Today’s Classroom - SIEC - 9:00 - 3:00
Aug 4	John Rosemond - Working With Parents of Problem Students - Heritage Hills HS - 3:00 - 4:30 CT

For more information/registration go to <http://www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops>

FROM DISTRICTS TO BUILDINGS TO CLASSROOMS: MAXIMIZING THE POWER OF DIFFERENTIATION FOR HIGH ABILITY LEARNERS



This full day professional development event on Wednesday, June 23, targets district and building administrators to help them find ways to support differentiation so that it is more likely to occur at the classroom level for high ability

learners. Participants examine elements at each level, including identification, programming and policy documentation, student and teacher assignment, and scheduling and classroom practices. Participants learn what to look for when curriculum and instruction are differentiated appropriately and practice using a tool for observing classroom instruction for evidence of differentiation for high ability students. This tool can be used to observe differentiation between any two groups of students and can be used for teacher professional development, professional learning communities, and assessing teacher growth. The session will run from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Eastern) and take place at the Huntingburg Event Center. The program is sponsored by the Indiana Department of Education and our presenters are Ginny Burney and Kristie Speirs Neumeister. The session is FREE, but registration is required. Lunch will be “on your own”. To register, go to the SIEC registration site at: www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops.

MISSION OF THE SOUTHERN INDIANA EDUCATION CENTER



The mission of the Southern Indiana Education Center is to meet the needs of our member-schools in southwestern Indiana by:

- ✓ offering educational, supplemental, and support services effectively and efficiently on a cooperative basis,
- ✓ encouraging and assisting schools in a mode of continuous growth and desire for quality through innovative and scientifically based research based initiatives,
- ✓ supporting activities which provide for the individual and group needs of southwestern Indiana schools,
- ✓ better equalizing the educational opportunities for the staff and students of our southwestern Indiana schools, and by
- ✓ serving as a liaison between state, federal and other entities for the benefit of our southwestern Indiana schools.



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**INNOVATIONS AND REVOLUTIONS
GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF THE WORLD—STANDARD 6
A WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS (GRADES 7-12)**

Join History, Geography, and Social Studies teachers from the SIEC area on Friday, May 14, for a focused day of professional learning:

- ◆ Is the Geography and History of the World course in your teaching future?
- ◆ Are you more knowledgeable about Western Europe, East Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin American and the Caribbean, or Russia and Eastern Europe?
- ◆ How can you make Geography and History of the World standards work in your classroom?



In this workshop, subject matter specialists from IU-Bloomington's Title VI Area Studies Centers will present content related to "Innovations and Revolutions". A teaching methods specialist will provide creative teaching ideas for your World History and Civilization of Geography course. Hear from experts on Russia and Eastern Europe, East Asia, Africa, Inner Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean; Learn the latest instructional practices; Come away with solid content knowledge and classroom tested techniques; Reap the benefits of using resources developed by IU's nationally recognized area studies faculty; and focus on Standard 6 of the Geography and History of the World Standards – Innovation.

Over the course of human history, innovation and revolutions have influenced the date of societies across the globe. Standard 6 of the Geography and History of the World curriculum examines the physical and human geographic factors that influenced the origins, major events, diffusion and global consequences of new ideas in agriculture, science, culture, politics, industry, and technology. This workshop is FREE to participants, but registration is required. Go to the SIEC registration page at www.siec.k12.in.us/workshops to register. Continental Breakfast and lunch will also be provided.