

CHILD Workshops Cross the Country in a Box



The Institute for School Innovation has created an after school workshop called *Foldables in the CHILD Classroom* featuring foldables guru, **Dinah Zike**. A CHILD consultant can conduct these “workshops in a box” or you can do it yourself. Materials and instructions are provided.

wealth of samples and ideas to use in all areas of the curriculum.

For more information on hosting a workshop at your site, contact ISI. A variety of “workshops in a box” will soon be available on various topics to keep your learning stations fresh and interactive. Stay tuned for more information.

The format includes an hour long “how to” video with teacher participation throughout, followed by hands-on practice. Teachers leave with a



I hope you'll enjoy reading this first 2008 edition of *The Leading Edge*. I continue to be amazed and impressed with the commitment of our CHILD educators who stay ahead of the curve to make school relevant for children of the 21st century. Thanks for all you do, and please keep striving to reach new heights. Happy New Year!

Dr. Sally Butzin,
 President and Executive
 Director, ISI



Osceola County, FL teachers enjoying the “Foldables in a Box” workshop after school.

Top (L-R): **Jackie Rex-Williams** and **Angela Clark, Partin Settlement.**
 Right: **Gina Morrison, Reedy Creek Elementary**



LeapFrog Task Cards Now Online at CHILD Site

Check out the LeapFrog® Task Cards available online at www.ifsi.org for many LeapFrog products including:

- Interactive Decodable Series*
- LeapDesk*
- Leapster*
- Transitional Readers*
- Leveled Reading Series*
- Phonemic Awareness Series*
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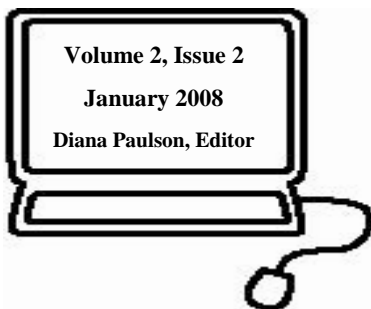


Activities are designed for use in the Word Study and Reading/Listening Stations of CHILD and First Steps-Reading.

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Save these dates:

- **CHILD Consultant Training, Vero Beach, FL February 9-10, 2008**
- **CHILD Annual Conference, West Palm Beach, FL May 2-3, 2008**
- **CHILD Support Days (Available Upon Request)**

Active Learning Takes Center Stage in **Project CHILD**

Fay Johnson, Intermediate Writing teacher at **Ft. McCoy Elementary in Marion County, FL**, is a new CHILD teacher who has embraced the concept of active learning. Mrs. Johnson and her students collaborated to create a unique song to prepare for the upcoming state writing test. The song is entitled "Writing Rocks" and is sung to the tune of "Ghost Busters."

You can see the enthusiasm as you watch the children perform their new opus. The smile on each face tells the story of how the children love to write.

Mrs. Johnson notes, "They are actually using the information in the song in their writing, and I am so excited! I think we are ready to write another song to encourage

even more advanced writing concepts in January."



Incorporating writing and science is an easy task for **Dr. Darcova Triplett**, Primary Writing teacher at **Partin Settlement in Osceola County, FL**. By using David Kirk's "Miss Spider's Tea Party," her students learned about adjectives.

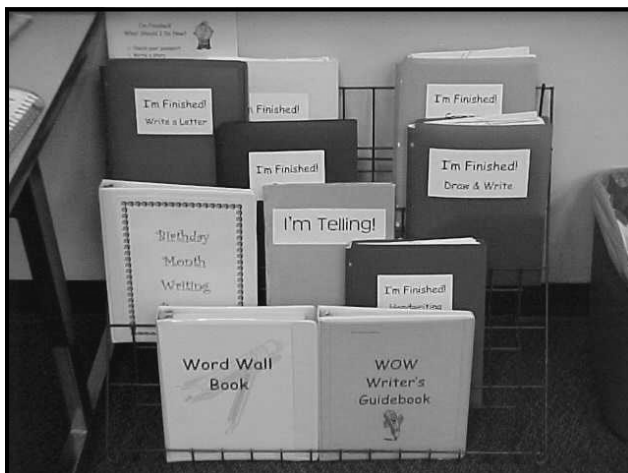


They created thinking maps to generate ideas about characteristics, similarities and differences between insects and bugs. This creepy lesson spilled over into the school's Character Parade when **Dr. Triplett's** 2nd grade, **Mrs. Twigg's** 1st grade, and **Mrs. Harrell's** Kindergarten students dressed as Miss Spider, Mr. Spider and other characters in the story.

The Best Ideas Are the Ones We Share... See what's happening in CHILD classrooms across the country

Here's a resource for students who need help as they complete assignments, or when they just need a place to "vent." This special classroom library does it all. It's bright, colorful and helpful to students.

Essential Component #19: Instructional time is free from interruptions.



Idea 

Work smarter! Turn worksheets into interactive, hands-on activities rather than stacks of paperwork that needs grading. Be sure to provide an Answer Key for students as well.

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Essential Component #7: Teachers designate the station where students begin work each day.

Teachers are often very creative when it comes to meeting the Essential Components of CHILD.



A Sunny Example of CHILD

Sunnyside Elementary School in **New Castle, IN** has been a CHILD site since 1996 when principal **Linda Kinnett** brought CHILD to this small, rural school in eastern Indiana. Due to the fluctuating numbers at Sunnyside, they have had to make some modifications to their CHILD cluster configurations over the years, so you may not always see a K-2 and 3-5 cluster. However, as you visit the classrooms, as I did recently, you see the same high levels of student engagement and powerful CHILD strategies being implemented.

Sunnyside Elementary is a CHILD Exemplary Visitation Site this year and was also named one of Indiana's Four Star Schools. This honor was bestowed by the state superintendent because the school met adequate yearly progress and performed in the top 25% of all Hoosier schools. Principal Kinnett is proud of the wide range of diversity of the school. Not only do they have CHILD clusters but they also house students with severe and profound exceptionalities as well as high performing students in the Focus on Excellence program. The positive "sunny" atmosphere at Sunnyside is reflected in the dedicated, caring staff who are meeting the needs of a very diverse student body.

Article by **Winky Jenkins-Rice**, Vice President & Director of Educational Programs, ISI



L to R: Intermediate team: **Tracy Young, Pam Masters, Cheri Estelle, Josh Owens**, Principal: **Linda Kinnett**, Primary Team: **Amy Cain, Angela Nelson, Kathryn Hayes**



Essential Component #5: Students work at six diverse learning stations on a daily basis.



Essential Component #14: Students have frequent and equitable access to computers.



Congratulations!



The following teachers have earned special recognitions. We're proud of you!

- **National Board Certification:** **Liz Ballard**-Canoe Creek, **Janet Moodey** - Central Ave., **Keeley Hancock** -Reedy Creek, **David Noyes**- Partin Settlement
- **Teachers of the Year:** **Donna Ulp**- Pleasant Hill, **Jessica Terrell**—Partin Settlement, **Jen Johnson**-Neptune Elementary.
- **Book published by Dr. Darcova Triplett**-Partin Settlement. The collection of poetry is titled, Harmonious Contradictions: Expressions for the Journey from Alpha to Omega.

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Dear CHILD® Educators,

It's great in 2008 with Project CHILD! We hope that the second half of this year will bring you excellent results as you prepare for testing over the next few weeks. Be sure to stay on track with daily station visitation and rigorous tasks at each station. Now is an excellent time to make task products fit the test format; multiple choice responses, short/extended responses and use of subject area vocabulary in Passport reflections. Stay true to the 20 Essential Components of CHILD and you'll see the results you want with your students!

Have a wonderful 2008!

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Check out the top 6 books to help teach students about the political process, elections and voting.

<http://childrensbooks.about.com/od/elections/tp/elections.htm>



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#14:
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TEST PREP

A wealth of ideas from Okaloosa County, FL to prepare for upcoming tests.

http://www.okaloosa.k12.fl.us/south/shared_pages/standardized_test_practice.htm

PROTEACHER

This site provides resources to study Presidents both past and present.

<http://www.proteacher.com/090055.shtml>

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Site includes resources for celebrating this important day.

<http://k6educators.about.com/library/b100thday.htm?once=true&>



Go to...www.ifs.org
CHILD Educators Log in
Username: ifs
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JAN BRETT

Author's new 2008 calendar, The Three Snow Bears.

<http://www.janbrett.com/>

MARTIN LUTHER KING

This site offers links to a variety of websites to help celebrate this important figure from history.

<http://webtech.kennesaw.edu/jcheek3/mlk.htm>

ISI assumes no liability for the content of these sites. Be sure to preview carefully before allowing students to use.