



CHILD Teachers Prepare to "Go Green" with Renewals



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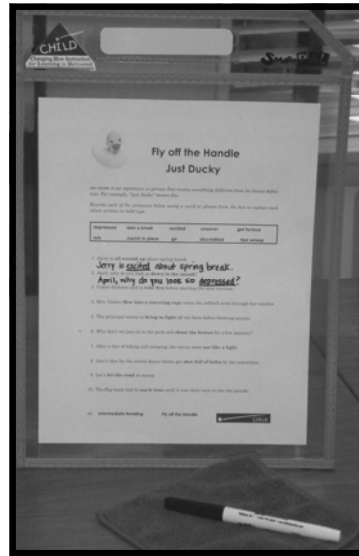
News For and About CHILD® Educators

With budget cuts everywhere, teachers need to be proactive to secure funds for CHILD renewals. Learn about the benefits which include an official CHILD recognition certificate and the following:

- ▲ 1,350 Passports(450/subject)
- ▲ 9 Seat Sack™ Passport holders (3 per classroom)
- ▲ 9 "Go Green" dry erase activity sheet sleeves (3 per classroom)
- ▲ one support visit and fidelity check
- ▲ information and station activity updates (web site password for new activities, newsletters)
- ▲ toll-free telephone support
- ▲ reduced registration fees for the CHILD National Conference
- ▲ eligibility for teachers to become consultants
- ▲ eligibility for National Demonstration Site status with discounted pricing
- ▲ eligibility for annual Innovation Awards including \$1,000 Classroom Champion for Change

Check all sources of local funding including Professional Development, Technology, Reading, Math, Writing, Drop Out Prevention, Alternative

Instruction and School Improvement. Contact your PTO, SAC Committee, School Board and local media. Make them aware of your desire to continue the progress your students have made, and the low cost involved (approximately \$20 per student). Organize cluster fund raisers or solicit parent donations. You can do this. See the website for fee schedules and more details.



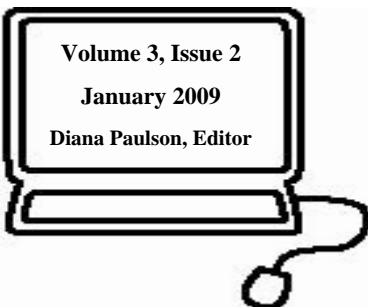
Welcome back to the second edition of *The Leading Edge*. As the second semester kicks into high gear, this publication has some great ideas for your classrooms, as well as, strategies for looking ahead to next year.

I strongly encourage you to attend the CHILD National Conference where you'll leave with many classroom ideas and new friends. We hold the conference on a Saturday and keep the cost low so that everyone can come, even if your district has eliminated travel.

Treat yourself to a weekend excursion with friends. Share a room and pamper yourself. Remember that the registration fee includes two meals, two refreshment breaks, and fabulous door prizes. Plan to stay over on Saturday and enjoy shopping and dining at nearby Downtown Disney. We're working on getting discounts for conference attendees. Stay tuned for more details. I hope to see you in Orlando.

Dr. Sally Butzin,
President and Executive Director, ISI

Check the ISI website (www.ifsi.org) for the latest report on **2008 CHILD achievement data**. The evidence is compelling. Your students are learning more than in comparison standard classrooms. The CHILD Title One students even outscored the general population in reading and math! Share this with parents, media and administrators.



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Save these dates:

- **CHILD Consultant Training Tampa, FL, February 7-8, 2009**
- **CHILD National Conference Orlando, FL, April 17-18, 2009**
- **CHILD Workshops in a Box (Available Upon Request)**

CHILD Goes "Out of this World" for National Conference

CHILD's Annual Conference has gone "National," In fact, it's "Out of This World." This year's conference will be held on April 17-18 in beautiful Orlando, Florida, at the Royal Plaza Hotel, right inside the Disney Gates. Conference participants can take a bus tour to an outstanding CHILD site, attend subject-focused "Make & Take" sessions, learn from engaging workshops focusing on implementation, technology, rigorous teaching to the standards, and more!

This annual event historically hosts close to 300 CHILD teachers and administrators from across the country, making connecting with others a "galactic" experience! The gala awards luncheon honors exemplary CHILD educators, including the \$1,000 Classroom Champion for Change winners!

The energy that you'll take away will fuel you for another dynamic year and focus you toward our "mission" to redefine classroom instruction through technology and active learning. Get your "crew" together and "blast off" for the school of tomorrow that you are creating today!



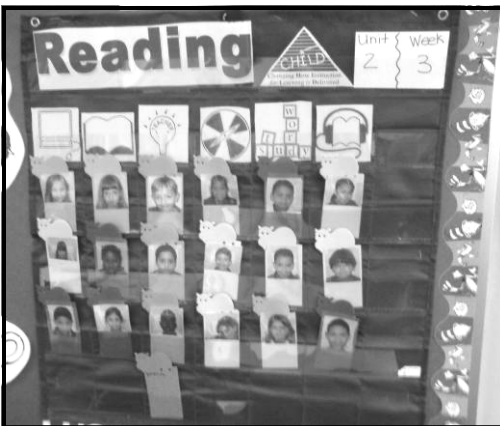
(Left) Create a school table topper related to the conference theme and win a prize. (Above) "Make & Take" station activities to use immediately. (Below) Join friends on the bus tour and see exemplary CHILD classrooms in action. (Below left) Share and gather ideas from other teachers!

CHILD Essential Component #21:
 "CHILD teachers meet annually to share, motivate and inspire joyful learning in every classroom."



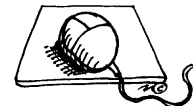
Beg, Borrow and Share ...

GREAT things from some AWESOME CHILD Classrooms



Teachers in Osceola County are creative in meeting this Essential Component.

Idea



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

Idea

Beatriz Jimenez, First Step teacher at **Sunrise Elementary, Osceola County**, stacks cups at each computer with student names and login information. Whosever cup is on top goes to the station first. When they are done, they move their cup to the bottom of the stack and alert the next student of their turn.





Time to Celebrate



“Outstanding” CHILD Teachers

Teachers of the Year



- Jeanette Robaldo, Walker Elementary, Crestview, FL, Primary Writing
- Susan Kishler, Edwins Elementary, Ft. Walton Beach, FL, Intermediate Writing
- Rebeca Desormeaux, Northwood Elementary, Crestview, FL, Intermediate Math
- Shelly Docherty, Glendale Elementary, Vero Beach, FL, Intermediate Math
- Kimberly Weese, Pelican Island Elementary, Sebastian, FL, Primary Writing
- Beth Barnard, Partin Settlement Elementary, Kissimmee, FL, Primary Writing
- Barbara Weyrauch, Reedy Creek Elementary, Kissimmee, FL, Primary Math
- Brandi Derstine, Deerwood Elementary, Poinciana, FL, First Steps Grade 5

- Kati Bartolini, Sebastian Elementary, Sebastian, FL, Primary Writing
- Kimberly Weese, Pelican Island Elementary, Sebastian, FL, Primary Writing
- Chris Demers, Deerwood Elementary, Poinciana, FL, Intermediate Reading
- Mary Decasper, Ft. McCoy Elementary, Ft. McCoy, FL, Intermediate Reading
- Andrea Brown, Baker Elementary, Baker, FL, Intermediate Math
- Tonya Johnson, Bluewater Elementary, Niceville, FL, Intermediate Language



National Board Inductees

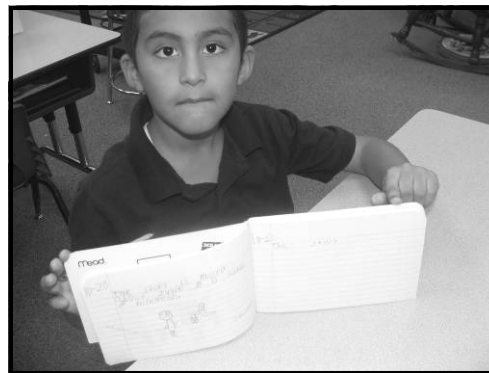
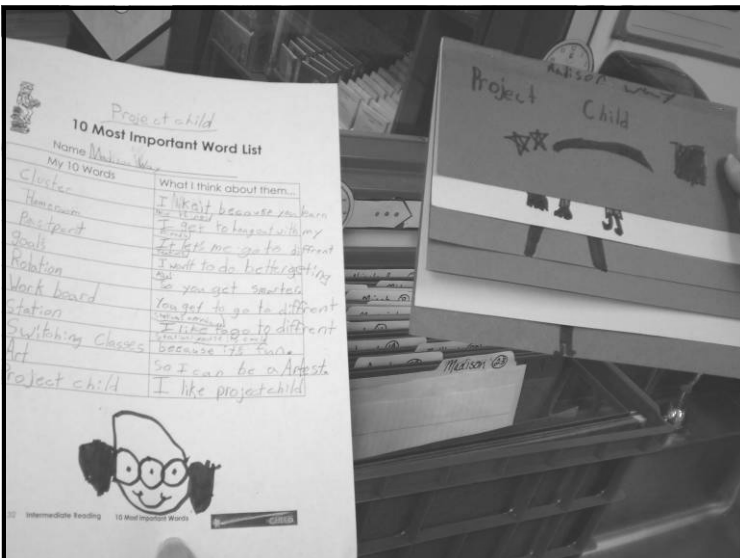
Grant Recipients

- Beth Barnard, Partin Settlement Elementary, Kissimmee, FL, Science/Rocketry
- Katie Martin, Suzi Gustafson, and Susan Godman, Highlands, Kissimmee, FL, Reading

Jean Padgett, Intermediate Reading, Ft. McCoy Elementary, Ft. McCoy, FL, Completed Reading Certificate

Celebrate Celebrate Celebrate Celebrate Celebrate

Students in **Teresa Morrison's** Intermediate Reading class at **Imagine School at Broward** use the “10 Most Important Word List” to share their thoughts about **CHILD**. This project makes use of a foldable as well and could be used for content area topic reviews throughout the year.



Children in **Keeley Hancock's** Primary class at **Reedy Creek Elementary** in **Osceola County** LOVE writing in ½ a journal. They write more and are not as intimidated with the blank page. Keeley uses a band saw to prepare the journals each year.

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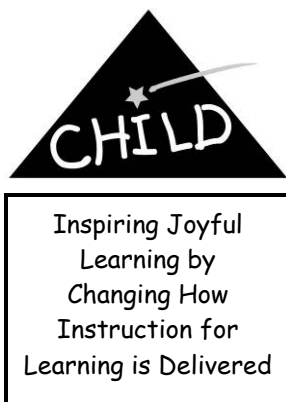
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Dear CHILD® Educators,

It's an "Out of this World" year for CHILD! We're looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Consultant Training in February and the CHILD National Conference in April. These are outstanding opportunities for you to make connections with other CHILD teachers as well as learn new ways to meet the daily demands of running an effective and joyful classroom. Plan now to attend. See the ISI website for more details. And be sure to take time to peruse the site. We've updated many sections and reorganized others for more efficient use by YOU! There are always new ideas, ready-to-go station activities, websites and more! Check often so you don't miss a thing!

Have the best year ever!

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



Grant Opportunities New Each Month

<http://www.grantwrangler.com/index.html>
The place to find funding fast for K-12 schools.

Build Your Own Bingo Cards

<http://www.dltk-cards.com/bingo/bingo1.asp>
More Bingo ideas than you can imagine. All seasons and topics available to create your own.

Graphic Organizers

http://www.eduplace.com/kids/hme/6_8/graphorg/index.html
A wealth of graphic organizers for every subject area.

CPALMS

<http://www.cpalms.org/>
Be a part of this initiative to build a web-based portal with curriculum resources and tools aligned with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Math Cats

<http://www.mathcats.com/>
Open-ended and playful explorations of important math concepts developed by a teacher who loves cats!

Capella University

<http://www.capella.edu/FLED>
Free webinars for professional development from this fully online and accredited university. Topics include: Taking Control of Your Professional Development and Show Me the Money.

Talking Fingers, Inc.

<http://www.talkingfingers.com/>
Innovative Phonics to Fluency software for hands-on Reading and Spelling. Check it out!

Institute for School Innovation

<http://www.ifsii.org>
Visit us often and enjoy the wealth of resources that will help you achieve success in your CHILD classroom. Continually updated.

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