

Clatsop Community College Volunteer Literacy Tutor News

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TIPS FOR TUTORS

Teaching Through Patterns

Students who learn new facts through patterns or principles (e.g.: "all even numbers end in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8), rather than by rote, are better able to transfer that knowledge. For example, a student who has to learn about each even number one at a time (18 is even and 62 is even and 26 is even, and so on) may never be able to conclude that 34 is also even. Another example is learning to read words through patterns. A student could learn hat, mat, and cat by sounding out each one, or could sound out "hat" in a group of words that present the short a sound. (BTW: I have good materials for vowel sounds presented as patterns- call and ask for them.)



What is the Spiral Method of Teaching?

Good teachers return to the same concept or skill over and over, in different contexts: all students, but particularly **ESL students, need to revisit** introduced language and have a chance to use it, remember it, and incorporate it into different contexts. You cannot use repetition enough when teaching/learning a language! But you can be resourceful in re-introducing concepts, broadening the student's understanding through creative returns. Think about the word red you just taught from looking a swatch of color. Now ask the student what fruits are red, next vegetables, then clothing. Introduce the words "buy" with shopping for red fruits and "wear" with red clothing. Next week bring the word "red" up again: what do you see in the room that is red? Did you eat any red foods last week? This is a good way to review and **EXTRACT** language/responses from your student, rather than merely supplying them with it.



FALL TERM 2013

Begins September 30 and runs through
12/13/13.

Do you need sign-in sheets?

Do you need volunteer hour sheets (the purple one)?

Have you sent in your Volunteer Services Agreement?

Are you assigning and counting homework hours?

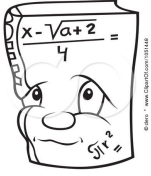
Is the student recording the homework hours?

Is the student using language software on a computer and counting those hours as homework?

Do you need more/new materials?

Do you know about the new Spanish GED class CCC that will be offered in Astoria and Seaside?

Are you getting hungry for another Tutor Appreciation Lunch? Stay tuned for news about this



Math Literacy

<http://www-tcall.tamu.edu/newsletr/pdf/13-AugSep.pdf>

This web address from the latest issue of TCALL has a couple of interesting articles about adult literacy math instruction.

For interactive addition flash cards, see :

<http://sf.factmonster.com/math/flashcards.html>

TUTOR TRAINING/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Online Tutor Education Resources

<http://www-tcall.tamu.edu/newsletr/pub13.htm>

This site is from **Texas Center for Literacy and Learning (TCALL)** from Texas A&M University. They put out a **bi-monthly newsletter** that is free and has interesting articles related to adult literacy matters, both in language arts and math. You can tap into the newsletters at the above site and subscribe there to get regular email delivery, too.

<http://proliteracyednet.org/>

Pro Literacy is a national organization that grew from the Laubach method of teaching reading to adults. This site has an extensive section for teachers of adult literacy with **articles and videos to improve your instruction.**

ABC's for Tutors: 26 Teaching Tips:

Ask for a paper copy that is available from the literacy office. It has lots of good ideas for presentation of concepts, graphic organizers, tips for teaching grammar through color coding etc.



ESL Packets from the following website:

<http://www.literacyvolunteersdupage.org/TutorResources.html#LessonPackets>

Offers a variety of lesson packets with instructions for tutors on a variety of life skills subjects: transportation, health, money and banking, school and community, etc. Call me and I will print them for you.

WIN A \$10 GIFT CARD TO STARBUCKS BY BEING THE FIRST TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION CORRECTLY:

WHAT IS THE SHORTEST ENGLISH-LANGUAGE COMPLETE SENTENCE?

CALL OR EMAIL PERCY TO WIN!

Literacy is . . .

"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. It is a tool for daily life in modern society. It is a bulwark against poverty and a building block of development, an essential complement to investments in roads, dams, clinics, and factories. Literacy is a platform for democratization and a vehicle for the promotion of cultural and national identity. Especially for girls and women, it is an agent of family health and nutrition. For everyone everywhere, literacy is, finally, the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman, and child can realize his or her full potential."

Kofi Annan

Source: **UNESCO Office in Cairo**