

PDE - English Language Arts LEARNING COMMUNITY



WHO WE ARE

Welcome to the PDE - English Language Arts Learning Community! The Learning Community provides an avenue to connect with educators of all levels across the Commonwealth.

The Learning Community also provides a collaborative environment to extend and enhance the discussion of important issues with PDE staff and colleagues regarding teaching, learning, and assessing.

Please join us by discussing and sharing important issues, challenges, and ideas that promote the effective and successful teaching, learning, and assessing of ELA throughout the Commonwealth.

FEATURED VIDEO

Dr. Katharine Pace Miles has conducted research on emergent learning of high frequency words (HFW). She will be sharing her findings as it pertains to learning HFW in isolation vs. in-context, learning content vs. function HFW, and the questionable approach of having emergent readers learn these words in isolation on flashcards.

Dr. Miles will discuss alternative approaches to learning HFW that align with Ehri's theory of orthographic mapping.

[High Frequency Words What, Why, and How It Pertains to the Science of Reading - YouTube](#)

DID YOU KNOW ...



at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

To submit a proposal, go to <https://forms.gle/WQ93Rif7vCCdLgkc8>

for a list of suggested topics and other relevant details.

Proposal submission deadline:
August 14, 2023.



START of SCHOOL RESOURCES

33 Ways to Start the First Year Off Right A Little Planning Pays Big Dividends

By: Virginia Education Association

<https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/tools-tips/33-ways-start-first-year-right>

Kicking Off the School Year With Intention

By: Mary Davenport

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/kicking-school-year-intention/>

The First-Year Teacher's Guide to Preparing for the School Year

<https://www.waterford.org/education/first-year-teacher-tips/>

Teachers: Four Ways to Start the New School Year Strong

By: Brian Gatens

<https://resilienteducator.com/classroom-resources/teachers-strong-start-school-year/>

Response: Begin the New School Year With a Positive 'Mindset'

By: Larry Ferlazzo

<https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/opinion-response-begin-the-new-school-year-with-a-positive-mindset/2016/08>

REFLECTING on INSTRUCTION

John Hattie's meta-research shows that we have the highest impact on student progress when we understand how to listen to, give, and amplify opportunities for student feedback.

Ron Berger and Trevor MacKenzie will share expertise and insight into how we can embed effective meaningful feedback into our classrooms to inform assessment and, ultimately, develop craftsmanship that will serve students in school and for the rest of their lives.

[Ron Berger and Trevor MacKenzie - Craftsmanship, feedback and reflection - YouTube](#)



TEACHER INSPIRATION and APPRECIATION

Teaching Is...

by Anonymous

A commitment to instill knowledge
in the minds and hearts of all students.
It is so much more than just a job.
It requires a love of humanity,

A belief in the human spirit,
a dedication to excellence,
and a resolve to make a difference
in the lives of others.

It is the foundation upon which
all forms of progress are based.
Those who are destined to teach,
spend their lifetimes investing

in the dreams of their students,
and in so doing, their own dream
invariably comes true.
To enlighten, to awaken, to inspire

all of those, whose lives they touch...
this is their dream!



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