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"Both students and educators become frustrated when students beyond 3rd grade display reading difficulties. Research-based reading strategies can build a foundation for reading success in students of all ages."

- Dr. Louisa Moats

Add your Field Trip ideas to this resource:

<http://www.edweek.org/tm/section/community/field-trip-map.htm>

It would be neat to see the panhandle represented on this map.

Reading Intervention at varying levels

In visiting with PK - 12 teachers this week the common thought was where is the help for those of us who are not in the early grades? Reac³h Coaches are charged with helping PK – 3 teachers but the upper levels need help too. My response is that I understand but in order to facilitate real change that will be long lasting we need to start with our early grades. We all know though that there are upper level students who need basic reading intervention. I included the following article as a Great Read in last week's newsletter. With my discussions this week I want to feature the article in hopes that more eyes have the opportunity to read it.

http://www.cdl.org/resource-library/articles/older_read.php

ELA Director, Josh Flores featured at SDE Regional Meeting on Monday, August 12

When meeting with PK – 12 teachers they always ask for resources. Josh Flores, Director of Language Arts with the Oklahoma State Department of Education spent the summer with teachers creating ELA resources. The results from this convening can be found at:

<http://elaokteachers.com/>

Josh will be sharing this resource and more on Monday in Guymon at the tri-county in-service.

New Art and Music Standards Released

The Oklahoma State Department of Education announced this week that the new art and music standards had been rewritten and posted for grades K – 12. You can find these standards at: <http://www.ok.gov/sde/arts>.

Other Standards Resources

- <http://ok.gov/sde/oklahoma-c3-standards>
- <http://theroadaheadok.com/>



Science Updates and Resources

If you aren't subscribed to Tiffany Neill's listserv and you teach Science you are missing out. Tiffany is the Director of Science at the Oklahoma State Department of Education and she sends out regular updates that include resources in the areas of Science and STEM education. Newsletters from Tiffany are archived at:

<http://www.oklahomascienceteachersassociation.org/?cat=38>

The latest newsletter also includes an update on the Oklahoma Academic Standards in Science. Tiffany will also be presenting at the SDE Regional Meeting on Monday, August 12 in Guymon (tri-county in-service).

Free for 13 - 14 Pre-kindergarten Assessment

I shared information about this assessment in the last newsletter but more information was sent to us this week regarding the ELQA. Here is what was sent from Lucy Troutman:

"The University of Oklahoma E-TEAM is offering ELQA free of charge to preschools, Head Start and private childcare programs for the 2013-2014 school year. Attached is an ELQA brochure that explains the steps for requesting a free trial.

STEP 1: SEND E-MAIL TO: inquiries@elqa.eteam.ou.edu (In the e-mail, simply request to be signed up for the 2013-2014 school year for no cost.)

STEP 2: A FORM WILL BE RETURNED TO FILL OUT, VIA E-MAIL. SIMPLE!

STEP 3: SEND THE FORM BACK VIA E-MAIL.

STEP 4: AN ACCOUNT WILL BE SET UP TO USE ELQA FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR – NO COST!

(TECHNICAL SUPPORT AFTER ENROLLMENT: mcollier@ou.edu)

E-TEAM is working on a web version of the ELQA that is slated to be ready for the start of the 2014-2015 school year. However, the cost has not yet been determined, as it is still under development."

Great Reads

Free preview of *Word Nerds* from Stenhouse Publishers. It's a GREAT Read and it's free at: <http://www.stenhouse.com/emags/0979/index.html>

Upcoming Professional Development

- The Oklahoma State Department of Education, OSDE, will be in Guymon on August 12, 2013 for a Reac³h Network Regional Professional Development. I've tried to spread the word about this event and that everyone should register to attend at: <http://reac3hguymon-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

They added seats to certain sessions. If the session you wanted was full then check to see if there is room now. If you want/need to switch sessions email Cara Combs (cara.combs@sde.ok.gov) with your name, the session you had to choose, and the session you wanted then she'll switch you.

- Will be adding multi-district professional development to the schedule soon. This will be at the OPSU Distance Learning Classroom in Guymon. Sessions will be available via ITV for those who have access and don't want to drive.

As I schedule PD's for the panhandle check out

<http://www.eventbrite.ca/org/3716513753> for a full listing.

- Check out all Reac³h Coach Professional Development offered free across the state at www.reac3hcoach.com.

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<http://www.ok.gov/sde/project-meet-need>