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PLAYDATE U-46

U-46 is going Google!

Are you new to the world of Google? Do you already use Google but would like to learn more? Are you wondering all Google has to offer as an instructional tool?



If you would like to learn more about integrating technology into instruction in an energizing, hands-on way, then Playdate U-46 is for you. PLAYDATE U-46 is an unconference that gives teachers time to play and explore the world of instructional technology without all the sit-and-get. We will have sessions for Google Apps for Education and others as well. For more information, you can visit <https://sites.google.com/a/u-46.org/playdateu46/home>. Registration is on Coursewhere at <http://www.solutionwhere.com/u-46/cw/showcourse.asp?1031>.

PLAYDATE U-46 is an opportunity for teachers to gather together, to share, to learn alongside each other, to collaborate and explore the tools we have always wanted to learn more about...or maybe we're discovering tools we have never even heard of before! The idea is to bring educators together for one day and to sit in a room for a few hours and simply play.

A new kind of professional development.

No presenters. No agendas. Just playing.

Explore the things you've never had time to explore.



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The PE Shift!

Schools across the country are all looking at the changes needed to be made within the physical education curriculum and what benefits this course could have to the learning and health of our students. Scholastic shares some changes being made in Physical Education programs across the country. These changes are in line with the recommendations coming to U-46 from the State of Illinois Enhanced PE Task force. Check out both links for more information!

<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3757966> The PE Shift.

<http://www.isbe.net/EPE/html/EPETF.htm>. Enhanced PE Task Force Report

<http://www.isbe.net/EPE/pdf/reports-webinars/epetf-pe-comparison-chart0813.pdf>. Chart outlining the differences between old PE and Enhanced Task Force Recommendations for PE



*Growth is the only
evidence of life.*

*~John Henry
Newman*

PD Menu

In addition to the PD's being offered on February 28th we have an entire PD menu available to schools. Please take a look at the Workshop for All flyer attached to this newsletter. The flyer contains a link to the PD Menu. The PD listed on the menu is readily available to schools by request. PD can be offered over lunch hours, after school, and/or during release time. PD on the menu can be prepared as "boxed" PD with everything you need to deliver the PD as a SIP team, or it can be offered in partnership with Coaches, Coordinators and/or Directors. If what you are looking for isn't outlined on the PD menu, please reach out to us and we can build PD just for



Literacy News Common Core Update



ELA/SS Curriculum Writing K-5

The ELA/SS Curriculum Writing Team is in the process of creating an English Language Arts curriculum map. The map will consist of 6-6 week units that will include reading foci (literature/ informational) and writing foci (informational/opinion/narrative/short research). Each unit will contain transfer goals, essential questions, primary assessment standards and a unit assessment. It will also include the C3 Social Standards (College, Career and Civic Life) which will be aligned to the major DL Social Studies curriculum themes. The Curriculum Writing Team is also finalizing the unpacking of the Common Core Standards which will be available to all K-5 teachers by the end of February. These grade level “flipcharts” will breakdown the standards into a comprehensive document which contains essential skills, vocabulary, teaching notes, questions stems and student friendly ‘I Can Statements’. The flipcharts will help teachers gain a deeper understanding of the standards.

Read Across America

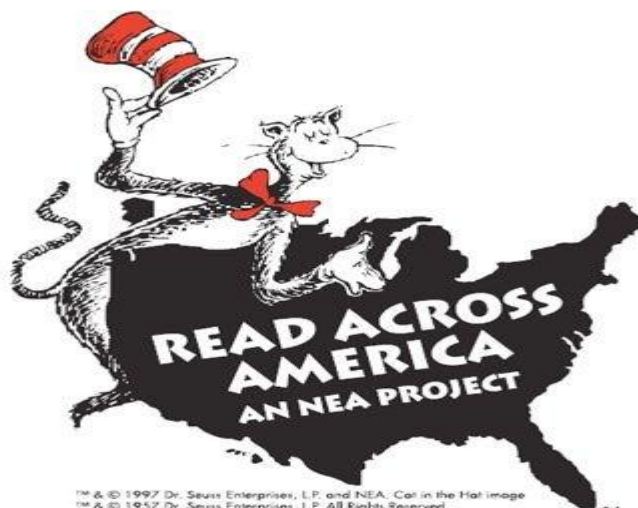
Mark your calendars for NEA’s Read Across America Day on March 3, honoring Dr. Seuss’s birthday. You can find resources and activities on a variety of websites:

Seussville: <http://www.seussville.com/Educators/educatorReadAcrossAmerica.php>

Seuss Store: <http://www.smilemakers.com/NEASeussStore.html?CID=SEUSSSTORE>

Downloadables: <http://www.nea.org/grants/read-across-america-downloadables.html>

Happy reading!



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