

November 17, 2010 – ELA Newsletter

Dear ELA Contacts,

Please find several ELA updates below. Please forward this information on to your colleagues.

Resources to add to the ARRC?

If you have recommended resources you would like to see added to the ARRC, there are a few ways to send in those great ideas:

- Visit the Literacy Wiki at <https://literacy-with-lora.wikispaces.com/> and click on [Submit Resource Ideas to the ARRC](#).
- Bookmark the following link and submit your ideas:
<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dERNVVZsMHRERDd1WTRrTWZILVh2MEE6MQ>
- Email your ideas to Angela Schreiber at angela_schreiber@roundrockisd.org

Textbook Adoption - Leveled Readers

"What if a child loses a leveled reader?" I have received several questions about the cost of replacing individual leveled readers from our new reading adoption. After speaking with the Coordinator of Textbooks and Instructional Media, it is my understanding that the child's family would need to pay for the individual book. Be aware, however, the leveled readers are only sold in sets of six, which makes this situation a little stickier. If one of your students loses a leveled reader, please contact your campus administrator regarding this issue, as they have a price list and are versed in the replacement process.

Literature for Integrating ELA and SS

The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project offers collected lists of recommended books from teachers who also love books as much as we do, and can't resist sharing favorite titles with each other. In addition to a great book listing for integrating ELA and SS, there are many other categories of books. You can access the book lists at

[Books for Integrating Social Studies and ELA](#). **This website has been provided as an additional resource for those who are interested in finding literature to support instruction. Please be aware that some titles may not be available district-wide and are neither required nor expected to be used; please do not request librarians purchase these books.

Student Opportunity

Students in Grades 4-6 can participate in the Texas Water Utilities Association (TWUA) Poster and Essay Contest. The entry deadline is January 31, 2011. Please find the attached flyers that include guidelines for participation.



2011 Rules for Essay-Poster Contest.pdf 2011 Poster and Essay Letter.pdf

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A book should serve as the ax for the frozen sea within us.
--Franz Kafka