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Ideas from D'Lana's Treasure Chest...



Gems of the month...



Journaling is a formal method of allowing the student to summarize or paraphrase his or her own learning. Marzano's work found that summarizing produced an average of 34% gain when used consistently with students. Journaling has long been considered a best practice but it is now **mandated** in the new ELAR TEKS. Students begin sustained independent reading at 1st grade and begin journaling about what they have read at 2nd grade. Please see the TEKS below:

1st - 12(A) read independently for a sustained period of time

2nd - 12(A) read independently for a sustained period of time and paraphrase what the reading was about, maintaining meaning

3rd - 11(A) read independently for a sustained period of time and paraphrase what the reading was about, maintaining meaning and logical order (e.g., generate a reading log or journal; participate in book talks)

4th - 9(A) read independently for a sustained period of time and paraphrase what the reading was about, maintaining meaning and logical order (e.g., generate a reading log or journal; participate in book talks)

5th - 9(A) read independently for a sustained period of time and summarize or paraphrase what the reading was about, maintaining meaning and logical order (e.g., generate a reading log or journal; participate in book talks)



Proposed **new Social Studies TEKS** are now available for viewing at the address below:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=3643>



Content jewels...

English / Language Arts

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/predbook.htm>

Great website for finding predictable books to use in classroom instruction.

Social Studies

<http://www.utexas.edu/cola/orgs/hemispheres/>

Hemispheres is available to help bring the world to your students. This site has resources and materials to help teach world studies in your class.



Look for...

Upcoming ELAR TEKS overview sessions...

Pine Forest – October 12th

Vidor Elementary – October 20th

Oak Forest – October 22nd

sessions will be after school on each campus



Pearls of music...

Last month I listed some songs for the season and I thought you might like to know the source for your own use. Check out *The Green book of Songs by Subject* by musician Jeff Green on your campus library to locate additional songs that you could use in your classroom.

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