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SAGE Handbook of Research on Classroom Assessment James H. McMillan 2012-11-02 The Sage Handbook of Research on Classroom Assessment provides scholars, professors, graduate students, and other researchers and policy makers in the organizations, agencies, testing companies, and school districts with a comprehensive source of research on all aspects of K–12 classroom assessment. The handbook emphasizes theory, conceptual frameworks, and all varieties of research (quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods) to provide an in-depth understanding of the knowledge base

in each area of classroom assessment and how to conduct inquiry in the area. It presents classroom assessment research to convey, in depth, the state of knowledge and understanding that is represented by the research, with particular emphasis on how classroom assessment practices affect student achieventment and teacher behavior. Editor James H. McMillan and five Associate Editors bring the best thinking and analysis from leading classroom assessment researchers on the nature of the research, making significant contributions to this prominent and hotly debated topic in education.

Paragraph Development Martin L. Arnaudet 1990-01-01 Paragraph Development helps students edit their own writing for clarity and accuracy and offers a three-phase strategy for building writing skills through planning, writing, and revising. The approach in each chapter is direct

and functional: a model is provided and graphically explained, then students use the model to write their own paragraphs.-- Offers controlled information-transfer exercises, a choice of writing topics, and peer consultation and writing-evaluation methods.

Literacy and the Common Core Sarah Tantillo 2014-07-23 Tools and Insights for Meeting and Exceeding the Common Core Standards Literacy and the Common Core offers K-12 teachers clear guidance on how to design units, lessons, and objectives to meet the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts; it's filled with practical strategies that teachers can use immediately to target key standards; and it describes how to analyze the standards to support instructional planning and curriculum development. This book aims to make life a little easier for everyone—teachers, school leaders, parents, and students—&ve

all strive to prepare students for college and the careers they most desire. The book includes practical tools, templates, and rubrics ready to be downloaded and customized to meet your needs. Additional resources may be found on the companion site, www.literacycookbook.com. Here are just a few of the essential topics addressed: Which standards to start with and how to tackle them How to bridge the gap when students are not on grade level How to engage and support parents How to teach students to write effectively How to translate the standards for actual use Take the recipes in this book, make them your own, and enjoy your new "Common Core Master Chef" status!

So You Want to be a Wildlife Biologist? United States. Forest Service. Intermountain Region. Wildlife Management Office 1980

Teaching Technology in Libraries Lura Sanborn 2017-02-06 Libraries are charged with fostering new skills and capabilities, a challenging task in an era of rapid technological change. Developing new ways of teaching and learning—within budget and time constraints—is the key to keeping up-to-date. Written by librarians, this collection of new essays describes an array of technology outreach and instruction programs—from the theoretical to the practical—for public, academic and school libraries, based on case studies and discussions of methodology. Content includes out of the box lessons, outreach successes and technology instruction programs applicable to patrons and staff at public, academic and school libraries.

Educational Media and Technology Yearbook Michael Orey 2006-01-01

How to Create and Use Rubrics for Formative Assessment and Grading Susan M. Brookhart 2013-01-11 What is a rubric? A rubric is a coherent set of criteria for student work that describes levels of perform

quality. Sounds simple enough, right? Unfortunately, rubrics are commonly misunderstood and misused. The good news is that when rubrics are created and used correctly, they are strong tools that support and enhance classroom instruction and student learning. In this comprehensive guide, author Susan M. Brookhart identifies two essential components of effective rubrics: (1) criteria that relate to the learning (not the "tasks") that students are being asked to demonstrate and (2) clear descriptions of performance across a continuum of quality. She outlines the difference between various kinds of rubrics (for example, general versus task-specific, and analytic versus holistic), explains when using each type of rubric is appropriate, and highlights examples from all grade levels and assorted content areas. In addition, Brookhart addresses * Common misconceptions about rubrics; * Important differences between rubrics and other assessment tools such as checklists and rating scales, and when such alternatives can be useful; and * How to use rubrics for formative assessment and grading, including standards-based grading and report card grades. Intended for educators who are already familiar with rubrics as well as those who are not, this book is a complete resource for writing effective rubrics and for choosing wisely from among the many rubrics that are available on the Internet and from other sources. And it makes the case that rubrics, when used appropriately, can improve outcomes by helping teachers teach and helping students learn.

Mentor Texts Lynne R. Dorfman 2017 It's been a decade since Lynne Dorfman and Rose Cappelli wrote the first edition of Mentor Texts and helped teachers across the country make the most of high-quality children's literature in their

writing instruction. In the second edition of this important book Lynne and Rose show teachers how to help students become confident, accomplished writers by using literature as their foundation. The second edition includes brand-new "Your Turn Lessons," built around the gradual release of responsibility model, offering suggestions for demonstrations and shared or guided writing. Reflection is emphasized as a necessary component to understanding why mentor authors chose certain strategies, literary devices, sentence structures, and words. Lynne and Rose offer new children's book titles in each chapter and in a carefully curated and annotated Treasure Chest. At the end of each chapter a "Think About It--Talk About It--Write About It" section invites reflection and conversation with colleagues. The book is organized around the characteristics of good writing--

focus, content, organization, style, and conventions. Rose and Lynne write in a friendly and conversational style, employing numerous anecdotes to help teachers visualize the process, and offer strategies that can be immediately implemented in the classroom. This practical resource demonstrates the power of learning to read like writers.

The Framework for Teaching Evaluation Instrument, 2013 Edition Charlotte Danielson 2013 The framework for teaching document is an evolving instrument, but the core concepts and architecture (domains, components, and elements) have remained the same.Major concepts of the Common Core State Standards are included. For example, deep conceptual understanding, the importance of student intellectual engagement, and the precise use of language have always been at the foundation of the Framework for Teaching, but are more clearly articulated in this

edition.The language has been tightened to increase ease of use and accuracy in assessment.Many of the enhancements to the Framework are located in the possible examples, rather than in the rubric language or critical attributes for each level of performance.

Transforming Schools Using Project-Based Learning, Performance Assessment, and Common Core Standards Bob Lenz 2015-01-08 It's not what students know, but what they do with what they know that is important Schools are changing in response to this reality, and in Transforming Schools Using Project-Based Learning, Performance Assessment, and Common Core Standards, Bob Lenz, Justin Wells, and Sally Kingston draw on the example of the Envision Education schools, as well as other leading schools around the country, to show how the concept of deeper learning can meet the need for students who are both college and career ready and engaged in their own education. In this book, the authors explain how project-based learning can blend with Common Core-aligned performance assessment for deeper learning. You'll discover how many schools have successfully made the transition from traditional, teacher-centered learning to project-based, deeper learning and find many practical ideas for implementation. Companion DVD and website include videos showing how to implement deeper learning strategies in the classroom Evidence-based descriptions show why deeper learning is right for students Performance assessment experts explain how to align assessments with Common Core by shifting the emphasis from knowing to doing Extensive game plan section provides step-by-step guidance for change Schools are complex organizations, and transformation involves all of the stakeholders, from students to superintendents. But as this book

shows, there are amazing benefits to be realized when everyone commits to diving deeper into learning.

Helping English Language Learners Develop Writing Proficiency Using the Thesis Evidence Model in the High School Social Studies Classroom Keith R. Fleming 2015 English Language Learners (ELL) are struggling to develop literacy skills in social studies classes at the high school level in conjunction with the transition to Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and assessment. The researcher conducted a qualitative teacher action research study. Participants included freshman high school students in mainstream, college preparatory, World Cultures classes in an affluent, suburban, public school district in California. Through this teacher action research study, 34 high school grade students responded to a writing prompt used a pre-test evaluation. Students were then guided through a lesson sequence teaching writing strategies based in the Thesis-Evidence model. Upon completing these writing based lessons, students were evaluated again with another writing prompt, which served as the post-test. Both the pre-test and post-test were evaluated using a teacher created rubric aligned with the 9th grade CCSS for writing. Results indicated that the application of CCSS based writing strategies yielded improvement in all areas of academic writing for not only ELLs, but for the whole class as well.

Handbook of Writing Research Charles A. MacArthur 2008-01-14 Presents a collection of essays discussing the theories and models of writing research.

Growing Schools: Librarians as Professional Developers Debbie Abilock 2012-06-11 Presenting examples of school librarians leading professional learning in numerous contexts and for diverse learning

goals with remarkable success, this book will inspire other practitioners to initiate and refine professional learning in their schools and districts.

501 Writing Prompts LearningExpress (Organization) 2018 "This eBook features 501 sample writing prompts that are designed to help you improve your writing and gain the necessary writing skills needed to ace essay exams. Build your essay-writing confidence fast with 501 Writing Prompts!" --

A Bridge Over Troubled Water Brittney Grace Hansen 2008

Models of Applied Research in Educational Technology Virginia Pilato

Resources in Education 1999-10

Information and Emotion Diane Nahl 2007 Information Tomorrow offers an engaging, provocative, and wide-ranging discussion for systems librarians, library IT workers, library managers and administrators, and anyone working with or interested in technology in libraries.

Facilitating Preservice Teachers in the Action Research Process Karen M. Gibson 2000

A Rulebook for Arguments Anthony Weston 1992-01-01

Teachers Caught in the Action Ann Lieberman 2001-04-27 Because what we do in staff development can best be understood in terms of Contexts, Strategies, and Structures, the remainder of the book features distinguished educators who write from their own unique experiential and theoretical stances. Jacqueline Ancess describes how teachers in New York City secondary schools increase their own learning while improving student outcomes • Milbrey W. McLaughlin and Joel Zarrow demonstrate how teachers learn to use data to improve their practice and meet educational standards • Lynne Miller presents a case study of a long-lived school, university

partnership • Beverly Falk recounts stories of teachers working together to develop performance assessments, to understand their student's learning, to re-think their curriculum, and much more • Laura Stokes analyzes a school that successfully uses inquiry groups. There are further contributions (including some from novice teachers) by Anna Richert Ershler, Ann Lieberman, Diane Wood, Sarah Warshauer Freedman, and Joseph P. McDonald. These powerful exemplars from practice provide a much-needed overview of what matters and what really works in professional development today.

Handbook of Formative Assessment Heidi Andrade 2010-04-02 Formative assessment has recently become a focus of renewed research as state and federal policy-makers realize that summative assessments have reached a point of diminishing returns as a tool for increasing student achievement. Consequently, supporters of large-scale testing programs are now beginning to consider the potential of formative assessments to improve student achievement. The mission of this handbook is to comprehensively profile this burgeoning field of study. Written by leading international scholars and practitioners, each chapter includes a discussion of key issues that dominate formative assessment policy and practice today, as well as those that are likely to affect research and practice in the coming years. Key features include: Comprehensive – nineteen chapters cover all aspects of formative assessment including classroom assessment, large-scale applications, technological applications, applications for special needs students, K-12 and post-secondary applications, psychometric considerations, case studies, and discussion of

alternative assessment formats such as portfolios and performance assessments. Integrative – thoughtful attention is given to the integration of large-scale and classroom assessments. Practical – provides practical guidance on how to conduct formative assessments that generate credible information to guide instruction. Global – provides perspectives from leading international scholars and practitioners whose expertise spans diverse settings, student populations, and educational systems. Accessible Style – although grounded in the latest research, the book's style and tone has been carefully crafted to make it accessible to both the textbook and professional markets. It will also be a critical reference book for researchers in teacher preparation, educational administration, and educational policy studies.

Handbook of Writing Research, Second Edition Charles A. MacArthur 2016-10-31 The definitive reference in the field, this volume synthesizes current knowledge on writing development and instruction at all grade levels. Prominent scholars examine numerous facets of writing from sociocultural, cognitive, linguistic, neuroscience, and new literacy/technological perspectives. The volume reviews the evidence base for widely used instructional approaches, including those targeting particular components of writing. Issues in teaching specific populations--including students with disabilities and English learners-- are addressed. Innovative research methods and analytic tools are clearly explained, and key directions for future investigation identified. New to This Edition *Chapters on genre instruction, evaluation and revision, argumentative writing, computer-based instruction, and professional development. *Chapters

on new literacies, out-of-school writing, translation, and self-regulation. *Many new topics and authors, including more international perspectives. *Multiple chapters connect research findings to the Common Core writing standards. See also the editors' Best Practices in Writing Instruction, Second Edition, an accessible course text and practitioner's guide.

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Demonstrating Student Mastery with Digital Badges and Portfolios David Niguidula 2019-01-14 In Demonstrating Student Mastery with Digital Badges and Portfolios, David Niguidula shows how students can meet standards and express their individuality through digital badges and portfolios. Building off an essential question—What do schools want their students to know and be able to do?—he then shows how schools can implement a proficiency-based approach to student learning that has been successfully field-tested in districts across the United States.

In manageable steps, readers are guided through the implementation process. Niguidula shows readers how to Connect standards to badges. Create portfolio-worthy tasks. Develop common rubrics and a common understanding of what work is considered "good enough." Guide students in curating the elements of their portfolios. Promote authentic student reflection on their work. Replete with real-life examples, this book is essential reading for principals who want to take their schools to the next level, and for teachers who want a refreshing and sensible approach to assessment.

Building E-Portfolios Using PowerPoint Kathleen K. Montgomery 2008-01-24 Building E-Portfolios Using PowerPoint: A Guide for Educators, Second Edition addresses the use of e-portfolios by pre- and in-service educators as a self-assessment tool and as a way to measure their studentsÆ performance

The first half of the book explains what portfolios are, what makes an electronic portfolio (or e-portfolio) superior to physical portfolios, and how they should be organized. The second half of the book addresses which computer programs can be used to build an e-portfolio, then presents detailed instructions on using Microsoft PowerPoint® to create effective, visually rich portfolios. The book is filled with pedagogy, each chapter beginning with a ôconversation scenarioö to add relevance and meaning for the reader. There are also numerous charts, summaries, a glossary, and appendices. A Student Resource CD with PowerPoint templates, sample e-portfolios, and additional student resources is available.

The Knowledge Gap Natalie Wexler 2020-08-04 The untold story of the root cause of America's education crisis--and the seemingly endless cycle of multigenerational poverty.

It was only after years within the education reform movement that Natalie Wexler stumbled across a hidden explanation for our country's frustrating lack of progress when it comes to providing every child with a quality education. The problem wasn't one of the usual scapegoats: lazy teachers, shoddy facilities, lack of accountability. It was something no one was talking about: the elementary school curriculum's intense focus on decontextualized reading comprehension "skills" at the expense of actual knowledge. In the tradition of Dale Russakoff's The Prize and Dana Goldstein's The Teacher Wars, Wexler brings together history, research, and compelling characters to pull back the curtain on this fundamental flaw in our education system--one that fellow reformers, journalists, and policymakers have long overlooked, and of which the general public, including many parents, remains unaware. But The

Knowledge Gap isn't just a story of what schools have gotten so wrong--it also follows innovative educators who are in the process of shedding their deeply ingrained habits, and describes the rewards that have come along: students who are not only excited to learn but are also acquiring the knowledge and vocabulary that will enable them to succeed. If we truly want to fix our education system and unlock the potential of our neediest children, we have no choice but to pay attention.

Writing, Grade 2 Kumon 2013-06-01
Understanding in the Library David V. Loertscher 2005

The Art of Teaching Jay Parini 2005-01-13 Becoming an effective teacher can be quite painful and exhausting, taking years of trial and error. In The Art of Teaching, writer and critic Jay Parini looks back over his own decades of trials, errors, and triumphs, in an intimate memoir that brims with humor, encouragement, and hard-won wisdom about the teacher's craft. Here is a godsend for instructors of all levels, offering valuable insight into the many challenges that educators face, from establishing a persona in the classroom, to fostering relationships with students, to balancing teaching load with academic writing and research. Insight abounds. Parini shows, for instance, that there is nothing natural about teaching. The classroom is a form of theater, and the teacher must play various roles. A good teacher may look natural, but that's the product of endless practice. The book also considers such topics as the manner of dress that teachers adopt (and what this says about them as teachers), the delicate question of politics in the classroom, the untapped value of emeritus professors, and the vital importance of a settled, disciplined life for a teacher and a writer.

Parini grounds all of this in personal stories of his own career in the academy, tracing his path from unfocused student--a self-confessed "tough nut to crack"--to passionate writer, scholar, and teacher, one who frankly admits making many mistakes over the years. Every year, thousands of newly minted college teachers embark on their careers, most with scant training in their chosen profession. The Art of Teaching is a perfect book for these young educators as well as anyone who wants to learn more about this difficult but rewarding profession.

Introduction to Rubrics Dannelle D. Stevens 2013-04-30 This new edition retains the appeal, clarity and practicality that made the first so successful, and continues to provide a fundamental introduction to the principles and purposes of rubrics, with guidance on how to construct them, use them to align course content to learning outcomes, and apply them in a wide variety of courses, and to all forms of assignment. Reflecting developments since publication of the first edition, the authors have extended coverage to include: * Expanded discussion on use of rubrics for grading * Grading on-line with rubrics * Wider coverage of rubric types (e.g., holistic, rating scales) * Rubric construction in student affairs * Pros and cons of working with "ready-made" rubrics * Using rubrics to improve your teaching, and for SoTL * Use of rubrics in program assessment (case study) * Application of rubrics in the arts, for study abroad, service learning and students' independent learning * Up-dated literature review

The White Giraffe Lauren St John 2010-05-14 The first book in the heart-warming White Giraffe series by Lauren St John, featuring the African adventures of Martine and her magical white giraffe. When tragedy strikes

on a winter's night in England, Martine is sent to live with her grandmother on a game reserve in South Africa. Her wild, beautiful new home is riddled with secrets, but lonely Martine finds comfort in the legend of a white giraffe and in mysterious Grace, who believes Martine has a powerful gift. Defying her grandmother by entering the reserve alone, Martine is plunged into a world of danger, mystery and adventure. Who can she trust? And how far will she go to save the only friend she has ever known?

Common Core State Standards: Language Arts 9th And 10Th Grade Speedy Publishing 2015-04-27 9th and 10th graders usually associate language arts to boredom. They will be required to write compositions and read literary pieces. This guide will help students write objectively as laid out in the 4-paged document. There will be writing assignments, activities and objectives to help sharpen the students' writing skills. Encourage them to write and be creative by giving them a copy today.

STEM Student Research Handbook Darci J. Harland 2011 This comprehensive resource for STEM teachers and students, outlines the various stages of large-scale research projects, enabling teachers to coach their students through the research process. This handbook provides enough detail to embolden all teachersOCoeven those who have never designed an experiment on their ownOCoto support student-researchers through the entire process of conducting experiments."

Scaffolding Instruction and Using Graphic Organizers for Writing Effective In-class Summaries Dianne Fergus 2009 Research Question(s): To what extent do teaching students different summarizing strategies using graphic organizers and scaffolds and giving students practice with in-class writing

influence students' ability to organize and write an effective summary in a timed, in-class setting? To what extent will teaching students to outline effective summaries using graphic organizers lead to students' eventually being able to create effective outlines for summaries on their own? Research Activities: This study examined the effects of (1) teaching students to summarize using graphic organizers and scaffolds and (2) giving students practice with in-class summary writing. Context: This study was conducted in a ninth-grade SDAIE English class that consisted of 11 students, of which 8 were boys and 3 were girls. The students came from a variety of backgrounds, but all of the students were non-native English speakers. Instructional Approach: The intervention consisted of three weeks of carefully designed lessons that included a variety of graphic organizers, scaffolds, and modeling. During the first week of the intervention, the lessons focused on activating background knowledge, introducing types and formats of summary writing, and examining the rubric and models. The goal was to teach students to effectively produce summaries based on seven specific rubric criteria for summary writing. The summaries were scored on a four-point scale in each of the seven categories on the rubric, which were (1) Introduction; (2) Details and Facts; (3) Neutrality; (4) Paraphrasing; (5) Voice; (6) Point of View; and (7) Conclusion. The lessons during the second week of the intervention focused on deciphering the main points of a text and organizing those points using graphic organizers, as well as on in-class practice of summary writing. Over the course of the third week of the intervention, the lessons focused on avoiding plagiarism, paraphrasing, and putting new skills into practice. Data Gathering: Both prior to the

intervention and after the intervention, data were collected in the form of in-class summaries and surveys that students filled out about their perceived difficulty with various aspects of summary writing; in addition, students wrote mid-intervention paragraph summaries. Time-sampling observational data about student behaviors were gathered while students wrote both baseline and outcome summaries. Results: Comparison of baseline and outcome data indicates that students' ability to write in-class summaries improved significantly in this intervention. In baseline writing data, on average, the students in the class scored 1.5 on a 4-point rubric, with 3 being considered "proficient." Outcome data for an equivalent task showed that, on average, the students in the class scored 2.3 on the same 4-point rubric. All students in the class scored higher on the outcome summary assignment than they had scored on the baseline summary assignment, with the greatest improvement being a difference of 1.7 points. Students could write a more complete, well-organized, and effective summary after the intervention. The area still most challenging for students was concluding effectively in a timed setting. All but one of the students reported that they enjoyed writing summaries the same or more after the intervention. Grade Level: 9th grade. Data Collection Methods: Writing Assessment, Writing Samples, Survey-Self-Assessment, Observation-Student behavior. Curriculum Areas: English Language Arts: ESL/ELL, Writing. Curriculum Areas: English Language Arts, ESL/ELL, Writing. Instructional Approaches: Graphic Organizers, Scaffolded Instruction, Writing-Summarizing, Writing-On-demand writing, Writing-Explicit instruction.

Artificial Intelligence in Education Ulrich Hoppe 2003 This work reports the

on research into intelligent systems, models, and architectures for educational computing applications. It covers a wide range of advanced information and communication and computational methods applied to education and training.

Action Research Tammy LaPoint-O'Brien 2013 Critical thinking is the focal point missed in many students' educations. Students are taught memorization with little time left for the development of critical thinking skills which allows for a deeper understanding and a richer experience. Learning to ask appropriate questions and deduce information in order to build a deeper connection to the information is imperative. Ninth grade students at the end of history class composed a minute paper in essay format. The students described three different facts, ideas, concepts, or thoughts developed during the lesson and posed one insightful question. The minute paper afforded the students the opportunity to provide insight and reasoning into their comprehension, while cultivating their critical thinking skills. The following are appended: (1) Timeline of Events for the Study; (2) Instructions for Students; (3) Scoring Rubric; (4) The Development of Critical Thinking Study: Letter to Parents; (5) The Development of Critical Thinking Study Conducted at Friendship Christian School: Informed Consent Form; (6) Daily Scoring Rubric; (7) Supplemental Questions; (8) Teacher Weekly Survey; and (9) [Pre-Set List of Words].

Document-Based Assessment Activities for Global History Classes Theresa C. Noonan 1999 Covers all significant eras of global history. Encourages students to analyze evidence, documents, and other data to make informed decisions. Develops essential writing skills.

How People Learn National Research

Council 2000-08-11 First released in the Spring of 1999, How People Learn has been expanded to show how the theories and insights from the original book can translate into actions and practice, now making a real connection between classroom activities and learning behavior. This edition includes far-reaching suggestions for research that could increase the impact that classroom teaching has on actual learning. Like the original edition, this book offers exciting new research about the mind and the brain that provides answers to a number of compelling questions. When do infants begin to learn? How do experts learn and how is this different from non-experts? What can teachers and schools do-with curricula, classroom settings, and teaching methods--to help children learn most effectively? New evidence from many branches of science has significantly added to our understanding of what it means to know, from the neural processes that occur during learning to the influence of culture on what people see and absorb. How People Learn examines these findings and their implications for what we teach, how we teach it, and how we assess what our children learn. The book uses exemplary teaching to illustrate how approaches based on what we now know result in in-depth learning. This new knowledge calls into question concepts and practices firmly entrenched in our current education system. Topics include: How learning actually changes the physical structure of the brain. How existing knowledge affects what people notice and how they learn. What the thought processes of experts tell us about how to teach. The amazing learning potential of infants. The relationship of classroom learning and everyday settings of community and workplace. Learning needs and opportunities for teachers. A

realistic look at the role of technology in education.

Writing, Grade 6 Spectrum 2012-09-01 Spectrum Writing creates student interest and sparks writing creativity! The lessons, perfect for students in grade 6, strengthen writing skills by focusing on sequence of events, comparing and contrasting, point of view, facts and opinions, and more! Each book provides an overview of the writing process, as well as a break down of the essential skills that build good writing. It features easy-to-understand directions, is aligned to national and state standards, and also includes a complete answer key. Today, more than ever, students need to be equipped with the essential skills they need for school achievement and for success on proficiency tests. The Spectrum series has been designed to prepare students with these skills and to enhance student achievement. Developed by experts in the field of education, each title in the Spectrum workbook series offers grade-appropriate instruction and reinforcement in an effective sequence for learning success. Perfect for use at home or in school, and a favorite of parents, homeschoolers, and teachers worldwide, Spectrum is the learning partner students need for complete achievement.