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What's New?

Mathematics

The Center on Instruction has released a new publication, *Screening for Mathematics Difficulties in K-3 Students*. This report looks at the effectiveness of existing early screen measures and discusses the key features needed to screen kindergarten through third grade students for difficulties in mathematics. A downloadable pdf file is available on the COI website at <http://www.centeroninstruction.org/files/COI%20Math%20Screening.pdf>.

RTI and Mathematics

The Center on Instruction has posted a PowerPoint presentation and transcript of a web conference (including the audio) describing one example of a multi-tier intervention model for mathematics in grades K-2. This presentation was delivered at the State ISC (Information Sharing Community) Meeting October 3-4, 2005, by Dr. Diane Bryant of the University of Texas at Austin. Other helpful resources on math interventions within an RTI framework are provided at the end of the presentation. To download this resource, go to the COI website at http://www.centeroninstruction.org/resources.cfm?category=math&subcategory=materials&grade_start=0&grade_end=2#110.

Coming Soon

Special Education

Interventions for Adolescent Struggling Readers is soon to be released by the Center on Instruction. This report, a meta-analysis of 31 rigorous studies with adolescent struggling readers with and without learning disabilities, is a welcome addition to the growing body of research into effective instruction for adolescents. It offers decision-makers research-based guidance for teaching all adolescent struggling readers in late elementary, middle, and high school. Watch for this important report!

Other

Professional Development - ELL Conference October 1-2, 2007 in Chicago

CREATE (Center for Research on the Educational Achievement and Teaching of English Language Learners) is sponsoring its first conference October 1-2, 2007, at the Doubletree Hotel in Chicago-Oak Brook, Illinois. Its featured speakers include CREATE researchers and other experts in the field, including Diane August, Alison Bailey, Jana Echevarria, Doug Fisher, David Francis, Elfrieda Hiebert, Michael Klentschy, Okhee Lee, Sylvia Linan-Thompson, Mary Schleppegrell, Deborah Short, Catherine Snow, Guadalupe Valdes, Sharon Vaughn, and Aida Walqui. For more information about the conference, please visit http://www.cal.org/projects/create_announcements.html. For more information about CREATE, please visit http://www.cal.org/projects/about_create.html.

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