

Hot Stuff & Other Things

Hot Shots

■ Jack Prelutsky is the inaugural winner of the Children's Poet Laureate award from the Poetry Foundation. The new award aims to raise awareness that children have a natural receptivity to poetry and are its most appreciative audience, especially when poems are written specifically for them.

Hot Cash

■ Discovery Education is partnering with schools nationwide to launch "Learning Adds Up" (www.learningaddsup.com), a new fundraising initiative that allows learning and earning to go hand-in-hand. For more information, visit www.discoveryeducation.com.

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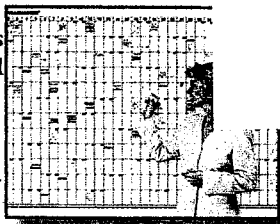
■ Sagebrush Books and Sagebrush Library, because they have long worked in tandem with library media specialists and publishers, have come together under one new name, Tandem Library Group. A complete book services company, Tandem Library Group will continue the Sagebrush Books & Library Services tradition of superior service. You can find them online at www.tandemlibrarygroup.com.

■ EBSCO Publishing and ABC-CLIO have a new partnership that will benefit mutual customers of EBSCO's and ABC-CLIO's online databases. Users of ABC-CLIO's Historical Abstracts and America: History and Life databases can now link directly from relevant journal article citations in those resources to the corresponding full text in EBSCO's online databases via EBSCOhost.

■ Qubo, a new multi-platform television network for children that champions literacy and positive values through entertainment, is broadcasting in both English and Spanish on NBC and Telemundo on Saturday morning, Telemundo on Sunday morning, and ION Media Networks' i network on Friday afternoon.

■ Magnatag Visible Systems has introduced its latest workplace solution product, the YearMaster 365-Day YearMaster Wall Calendar Planner, a large magnetic

Whiteboard system that gives you both a grand view of your year together with day-to-day details that allow for instantly-changeable long-term planning, organizing and communicating in just one glance. More information is available at <http://www.magnatag.com/yearmaster>.



■ Curriculum Associates is offering teachers a free Professional Development course for promoting higher-order thinking in lessons, available at <http://www.catraining.com>. The one-hour course consists of three lessons.

■ eChalk has a new product, Lesson Planner, which is an online tool for lesson plan creation and review that allows curriculum leaders to identify gaps between state and/or local standards and teacher practices. Lesson Planner is unique because it includes time-saving tools for teachers, along with the alignment features that curriculum leaders need, within a single environment. For more information visit <http://www.echalk.com/>.

Hot Upgrades

■ On EBSCOhost there will be a domain change (epnet will change to ebsohost.com). Although search.epnet.com will continue to be valid via a redirect through June 2007, proxy users MUST add the *.ebsohost.com domain to their proxy configurations in order to ensure uninterrupted access to EBSCOhost. For assistance with the domain change or IP address range expansion, please contact EBSCO's Technical Support Department by calling (800) 758-5995.

■ More than 115,000 articles in Grolier Online now have Lexile measures. For more information, visit Scholastic Library Publishing at go.grolier.com.

Hot Off the Press

■ Scholastic Education has released Lesson Connections, K-3 leveled reading programs that align to and complement reading programs, including Open Court Reading, Harcourt-Trophies, Houghton Mifflin Reading, and Scott Foresman Reading. For more information visit www.scholastic.com.

CLASSROOMS. Aligned with Early Reading First standards, Book Time instruction utilizes three oral readings of each book, focusing on a different reading skill each time: vocabulary, comprehension, and content area-knowledge/text awareness. The program is available in two versions, Book Time English and English-Spanish PLUS. For more information visit www.scholastic.com/booktime or call 1-800-SCHOLASTIC.

Hot Links

■ *TeachWithMovies.com* is showing classroom teachers how to use popular films to supplement traditional classroom learning, foster social development, and teach ethics. The site offers curriculum materials in subjects ranging from science, visual arts, history, and math to social development topics such as families in crisis, friendship, alcohol and drug abuse, coming of age, sportsmanship, and human rights. The selection criteria for each film emphasizes enhanced understanding of traditional subjects while also focusing on social development, morals, and ethics based on the *Six Pillars of Character* developed by Character Counts, a nationally recognized organization that teaches ethics to children.

■ The new ERIC debuted at www.eric.ed.gov, a new streamlined and restructured Web site. With a more powerful search engine, faster-loading pages, and an updated home page design including up-front links to ERIC features and information, the new site reflects ERIC-user feedback as well as technology changes.

■ The Pulse: Education's Place for Debate (www.districtadministration.com/pulse) offers educators and school leaders a place to debate issues of critical importance with leading thinkers and their peers. Although The Pulse enjoys many "blog-like" features, it is a professional publication with Contributing Editors comprised of researchers, administrators, authors, and

