



## California Kindergarten Association

E-News

### *Introducing a New Benefit for CKA Members!*

#### Members Only Web Portal

You asked for special benefits for members and that's what we've done! The Members Only Web Portal (MOWP) is a special webpage for CKA members. While the high quality of our current web pages will remain the same, the MOWP will offer lesson ideas, classroom resources, PowerPoint presentations, videos from our conference presenters, full research documents with corresponding Study Guide Questions, access to past *Take 5* articles, CKA Fact Sheets, training ideas, and other items as they become available.

**The MOWP is accessible to active CKA members. To access the MOWP you will need a User Name and Password. The User Name will consist of your first and last name without any spaces (i.e., janesmith). The Password is your CKA member number which can be found on your membership card.** If you are unsure of your member number, please contact the CKA office at [cka@ckanet.org](mailto:cka@ckanet.org).

We'll inform you whenever we update the MOWP. If you're not a member, there will be an online membership form to sign up so you can access the MOWP immediately.

To kick off the MOWP, CKA is offering

- Handouts/Powerpoints from many of the 2012 California Kindergarten Conference, including the Transitional Kindergarten Strand.
- Journal Articles and Study Guides from Adrienne Herrell, Lillian Katz and Daniel Meier.
- A downloadable Choral Reading Book for you and your students to use. Also included is a 1-½ page summary of research on the importance of, and the process for, choral reading.

We look forward to hearing from you how you like the new MOWP resources!

#### 7 Live and CKA

On January 11th, to help promote our 30th Kindergarten Conference, a group of CKA supporters attended the ABC afternoon live TV show, "7 Live" with host, actor/comedian Brian Copeland. We sat in the on-screen "Voice Box" and at one point, Brian talked with children's author and illustrator Ashley Wolff about the Topic of the Day. Because we organized a group to attend, the show gave our 30th annual Conference a plug on air.

Did you know you can help support CKA at no cost to yourself? Any time you shop on Amazon after following any link on our site (you'll find one on our home page) CKA receives a percentage of the sale and the price for the shopper remains the same. Thanks for your support and please spread the word! Ready to get shopping? [Click here:](#)

#### Wanted - CKA Board Members!

The CKA Board of Directors will have openings in January, 2013. The deadline for applications is May 1st. If you have ever considered giving your energies to CKA, contact us at [cka@ckanet.org](mailto:cka@ckanet.org) to receive information and an application for candidacy.

#### Common Core State Standards!

The State Board of Education adopted Common Core State Standards for K-12 students in language arts and mathematics to replace the California Academic Standards in those subject areas. Each month CKA will select a standard and offer activities, lesson plans and/or resources to help teachers meet these new standards.

December's CCSS is contributed by Ruth Velasquez of Cotati. [Click here](#) to view the activities that



Attending the show were Carol Seuferer, Ellen and Jerry Herdegen, Kaitlin McGaw, Theresa Macbeth, Ashley Wolff, Robin Rees, Karen Brown, and Pat Rees-Miller.

For more information about the show and to view our episode, go to: [http://7liveonline.com/episodes/111?ct=ent\\_episode](http://7liveonline.com/episodes/111?ct=ent_episode) (date Jan.11, 2012).

## EISS Professional Learning Communities Grant

The Early Intervention for School Success (EISS) Professional Learning Communities Grant request for application is now on-line at [www.ocde.us/eiss](http://www.ocde.us/eiss).

The Mission of Early Intervention of School Success (EISS) includes:

- Supporting the California state goal that each child reaches the standard appropriate to his/her own grade level
- Promoting professional development and education for teachers and families
- Providing research-based professional development that incorporates the latest knowledge regarding best practice and how children learn

You are invited to explore this P-2 grant and examine the possibilities for your school district. Grant applications are due no later than Friday, March 9, 2012, by 5:00 p.m. For further questions, contact the EISS office at [\(714\) 327-8180](tel:7143278180).

## New CDE Documents

CKA is pleased to share information with our members and others about the new documents from the Child Development Division of the California Department of Education (CDE). The Preschool Foundations are now available for Language and Literacy, Mathematics, Social and Emotional Development, English Language Development, Visual and Performing Arts, Health, and Physical Development. These Foundations list what typically-developing children should know and be able to do at 48 and 60 months of age. At the website shown below, you can download the Foundations or link to an order form for CDE. CDD is also announcing the availability of the Curriculum Frameworks for these subject areas. Foundations and Frameworks for History/Social Sciences, Science, Family and Culture, and Integrated Learning will appear at a later date.

*The Child Development Division announces the release of two new publications: the California Preschool Learning Foundations, Volume 2, and the California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Volume 2. These companion volumes are aimed at early care and education professionals who work with children ages three to five years old. The two volumes include the domains of Visual and Performing Arts, Physical Development and Health.*

Ordering information and online versions of the publications can be found on the CDE/CDD Web site

address the Common Core State Standards based lesson in Mathematics: Measurement and Data.

Want to contribute your lesson plans? CKA posts the next month's standards on the CKA website. [Click here](#) for April 2012. If your lesson plan is selected you will receive a special CKA gift!

## What's New On Our Website?

- The Members Only Web Portal including [Handouts/Powerpoints for the 2012 California Kindergarten Conference, Journal Articles and Study Guides](#) and a downloadable [Choral Reading Guide](#).

- [December's Common Core State Standard](#)

**JOIN CKA and become part of a network** of educators who want kindergarten to be the best it can be! This year CKA members can look forward to:

- TKP Implementation
- Common Core State Standards lesson plans
- More You Tube videos
- Development of a Members Only portal on our website.

[Click here to join!](#)

## CKA on Facebook!

Have a comment? Want to chat about kindergarten issues? Wondering what we've been up to? Come join us on Facebook and connect with other CKA members!

Be sure to check out our "Tuesday Teaching Tip" every week on Facebook!

at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/psfoundations.asp> and <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/psframework.asp>.

*The preschool learning foundations cover the skills, knowledge, and abilities of young children at four and five years of age in supportive early learning environments. The preschool curriculum framework presents strategies for planning and creating learning environments that optimize a child's development, learning, and overall well-being.*

*If you have any questions regarding this publication, please contact Laura Bridges, Child Development Consultant, Quality Improvement Office, Child Development Division, by phone at [916-323-1340](tel:916-323-1340) or by e-mail at [lbridges@cde.ca.gov](mailto:lbridges@cde.ca.gov).*

CDE has also posted Frequently Asked Questions in English and Spanish about Transitional Kindergarten. Both are available at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/>.

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