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RPDP Fall Literacy Classes

- RPDP 520C
Being a Writer, K-2
- RPDP 521C
Being a Writer, 3-5
- RPDP 524C K-1
Literacy Centers
- RPDP 524D 3-5
Literacy Stations
- RPDP 529D CCSS
Narrative Writing
- RPDP 529C CCSS
Opinion Writing
- RPDP 527A
Non Fiction in Focus

For more information on these courses, please visit rpdnet.net.



Same Standards, New Lingo What’s in a Name?

Welcome back to the 2013-14 school year!

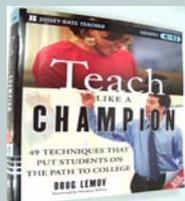
Over the past three years, we have been implementing the Common Core State Standards. The term “Common Core” is a general term that encompasses the standards that are, and were, being adopted by states nationwide. But did you know that in 2010, the Nevada Department of Education adopted these “Common Core” standards for the state of Nevada? Since our state adopted them as our own, we now call them the Nevada Academic



Standards. There has been no change to these standards, except for the name. So if you hear the term Nevada Academic Standards, don’t panic! You’ve been teaching these for the past three years.

Book Pick of the Month

Teach Like a Champion by Doug Lamov gives practical tips for lesson planning, delivery, and management in your classroom. These techniques compliment your instruction and maximize student engagement. The text also comes with a DVD, so you can see each one of these techniques being implemented in an authentic classroom environment. It is a must read!



Lemov, Doug (2010), *Teach Like a Champion 49 Techniques That Put Students On The Path To College*. San Francisco, CA, Jossey-Bass

Resources to Support the Nevada Academic Standards

You can find the Nevada Academic Standards here at the Nevada Department of Education website.

If you haven’t had a chance to look at the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), you can click [here](#) to find information provided by the Nevada Department of Education on this assessment. It is interesting to see the shift from the CRT to the types of questions contained in the SBAC.

Our website, rpdnet.net, is a great resource for your classroom. We have an abundance of information, lesson plan ideas, and videos, to connect you with the Nevada Academic Standards. Our site is also a wonderful resource for parents and provides them with websites to support the Big 5, as well as writing.

Parent Engagement

Each month, we will be featuring parent engagement resources that you can pass along to your staff and the parents of your students.

An article titled, End the Nightly Homework Struggle 5 Homework Strategies That Work For Kids provides ideas to help parents with the nightly “homework struggle.” Quick strategies, such as small incentives and routine scheduling, are some of the tips that are offered. This could be a resource to share at Open House or Back to School Night.

Make trips to the grocery store entertaining for young readers while building early literacy skills at the same time! These activity sheets by PBS have children identifying beginning and ending sounds in words that correspond with the everyday items parents buy at the grocery store. These activity sheets are available in both English and Spanish.

