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CLASSROOM BITS & BYTES

According to the Department of Education . . .

The direct funding of education (as opposed to tax credits, tuition grants, renovations and administration) amounts to over \$77 Billion.

Some of the areas targeted to receive funds within the next 30 days are Title I, IDEA and EETT (Education Through Technology).

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"...The first pool of money is for established formulas such as Title I, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) program. Federal officials will release the first half of these funds to state education departments by the end of March, and school systems should see this money by the end of April.

There will be new record-keeping and reporting requirements along with the new money - so spend it wisely.

Some of the suggested uses for Title I funds include purchasing online courseware to supplement traditional school offerings; investing in staff development; and implementing longitudinal data systems to better track and improve student achievement."

Language is an Art

Some more reasons why English is difficult to master.

Have you ever seen a horsefull carriage or a strapfull gown?
Met a sung hero or experienced requited love?

Have you ever run into someone who was grunted, ruly or peccable?
Where are the people who are spring chickens or who would actually hurt a fly?

Quote

"Education is that which discloses to the wise and disguises from the foolish their lack of understanding." Ambrose Bierce

Teaching Tip

As you start to teach geometry - ask your students to list five-ten jobs that require knowledge of geometry (i.e. architect, aeronautical engineer, car designer, landscape designer, builder, interior designer, physicist, astronomer, plumbing & cabling is done using geometry. All kinds of lighting & accoustic arrangements involve application of geometry. Navigational systems including satellite based GPS(Global positioning system) involve geometrical calculations. Even clothes are made using geometrical measurements. Most of the computer games are written using geometry.)

Once you have their responses, have the students create geometry problems that they might encounter in every day life situations (i.e. expanding a garden, painting a wall, making a poster, designing an aquarium etc.).

Grin

A first-grader came to the ophthalmology office where I work to have his vision checked. He sat down and I turned off the lights. Then I switched on a projector that flashed the letters F, Z and B on a screen. I asked the boy what he saw.

Without hesitation he replied, "Consonants."



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