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FINDING OUR VOICES

The Art of Classroom Inquiry A Handbook for Teacher-researchers EDUCATION / Preschool & Kindergarten

A HANDBOOK FOR TEACHER-RESEARCHERS

Teachers College Press

This practical resource will help educators teach about current art and integrate its philosophy and methods into the K-12 classroom. The authors provide a framework that looks at art through the lens of nine themes—everyday life, work, power, earth, space and place, self and others, change and time, inheritance, and visual culture—highlighting the conceptual aspects of art and connecting disparate forms of expression. They also provide guidelines and examples for how to use contemporary art to change the dynamics of a classroom, apply inventive non-linear lenses to topics, broaden and update the art “canon,” and spur creative and critical thinking. Young people will find the selected artwork accessible and relevant to their lives, diverse and expansive, probing, serious and funny. Challenging conventional notions of what should be considered art and how it should be created, this book offers a sampling of what is out there to inspire educators and students to explore the limitless world of new art. Book Features: Indicators and lenses that make contemporary art more familiar, accessible, understandable, and useable for teachers. Easy-to-reference descriptions and images from a variety of contemporary artists. Strategies for integrating art thinking across the curriculum. Suggestions to help teachers find contemporary art to fit their curriculum and school settings. Concrete examples of art-based projects from both art and general classrooms. Guidance for developing curriculum, including how to create guiding questions to spur student thinking.

Realities and Opportunities Routledge

Discover how to effectively incorporate literacy instruction into your middle or high school science classroom with this practical book. You'll find creative, inquiry-based tools to show you what it means to teach science with and through writing, and strategies to help your students become young scientists who can use reading and writing to better understand their world. Troy Hicks, Jeremy Hyler, and Wiline Pangle share helpful examples of lessons and samples of students' work, as well as innovative strategies you can use to improve students' abilities to read and write various types of scientific nonfiction, including argument essays, informational pieces, infographics, and more. As all three authors come to the work of science and literacy from different perspectives and backgrounds, the book offers unique and wide-ranging experiences that will inspire you and offer you insights into many aspects of the classroom, including when, why, and how reading and writing can work in the science lesson. Featured topics include: Debates and the current conversation around science writing in the classroom and society. How to integrate science notebooks into teaching. Improving nonfiction writing by expanding disciplinary vocabulary and crafting scientific arguments. Incorporating visual explanations and infographics.

Encouraging collaboration through whiteboard modeling.

Professional development in science and writing. The strategies are all aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core State Standards for ease of implementation. From science teachers to curriculum directors and instructional supervisors, this book is essential for anyone wanting to improve interdisciplinary literacy in their school.

From Inquiry to Understanding Peter Lang

Promote inquiry-based learning and environmental responsibility at the same time. Composting in the Classroom is your comprehensive guide offering descriptions of a range of composting mechanisms, from tabletop soda bottles to outdoor bins. Activities vary in complexity -- you can use this as a whole unit, or pick and choose individual activities.

REALIZING CHANGE IN SCHOOLS AND CLASSROOMS

Stenhouse Publishers

The Art of Teaching Science emphasizes a humanistic, experiential, and constructivist approach to teaching and learning, and integrates a wide variety of pedagogical tools. Becoming a science teacher is a creative process, and this innovative textbook encourages students to construct ideas about science teaching through their interactions with peers, mentors, and instructors, and through hands-on, minds-on activities designed to foster a collaborative, thoughtful learning environment. This second edition retains key features such as inquiry-based activities and case studies throughout, while simultaneously adding new material on the impact of standardized testing on inquiry-based science, and explicit links to science teaching standards. Also included are expanded resources like a comprehensive website, a streamlined format and updated content, making the experiential tools in the book even more useful for both pre- and in-service science teachers. Special Features: Each chapter is organized into two sections: one that focuses on content and theme; and one that contains a variety of strategies for extending chapter concepts outside the classroom Case studies open each chapter to highlight real-world scenarios and to connect theory to teaching practice Contains 33 Inquiry Activities that provide opportunities to explore the dimensions of science teaching and increase professional expertise Problems and Extensions, On the Web Resources and Readings guide students to further critical investigation of important concepts and topics. An extensive companion website includes even more student and instructor resources, such as interviews with practicing science teachers, articles from the literature, chapter PowerPoint slides, syllabus helpers, additional case studies, activities, and more. Visit <http://www.routledge.com/textbooks/9780415965286> to access this additional material.

Inquiry in the Classroom Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development

This book is about a group of experienced K-12 teachers who took teacher research to another level. Their story is not only about teacher working together to improve their own teaching, but also about how their research reverberated throughout their school system and influenced how their schools were run.

The Art of Inquiry Routledge

Asking questions is one of the most essential functions of teaching. In this book, the authors Nancy Lee Cecil and Jeanne

Pfeifer show teachers how to develop both their own questioning skills and those of their students. The authors explain how to model provocative, open-ended questions, and provides many useful teacher- and student-directed questioning strategies. From these strategies, children learn how to ask questions that enable them to construct their own meaning from what they read and experience. This revised edition includes several new questioning strategies. In addition, many of the strategies found in the original edition have been updated and/or expanded to reflect today's best practices in education. The Art of Inquiry is divided into two sections. Part I identifies the many types of questions and the thinking skills they promote (such as knowledge, comprehension, analysis, and evaluation), and discusses how to foster the free flow of questions and answers. Part II provides practical questioning strategies and activities (for example, Polar Opposite, Think Aloud, and Self-Instruction) that stimulate the highest critical and creative thinking skills. The authors also show how asking the right questions can help children to understand content, learn to ask effective questions of themselves, and make clear connections between diverse thoughts.

From Columbus to Integrated Curriculum Candlewick Press

The purpose of this text is to further flesh out some of the factors-specific dimensions of our n-dimensional hyperspace--important to inquiry in the classroom. As such, some of the of the factors have already been introduced, others will be new to the conversation. In our discussions that lead to the preparation of this manuscript, it became clear that each of us was interested in classroom inquiry, and so we each wanted to situate our analysis in these classrooms. For that purpose, our discussions are organized into sections. Each section begins with one (or more) vignette--snippets of science classrooms--that the authors then discuss how this vignette demonstrates some aspect of the specific dimension that they are charged with discussing. Because inquiry is so multifaceted and its portrayals are often complex and nuanced, the discussion of the dimension is broken into separate essays--each of which addresses the focal dimension in different ways. Following the essay, a broader discussion across the essays is offered to support your sense making. As we began this effort, we selected what we understood to be the most influential dimensions of inquiry in the classroom. But certainly there are others that can and should have been included, (i.e., the role of curriculum in supporting (or confining) the enactment of inquiry, the manner in which inquiry can shape students' knowledge, the role systemic efforts can have in enabling inquiry). But given the confines of one text, we've chosen what we understood to be the central components, and these have been arranged into 6 sections. Our vision is that each of these sections can be self-supporting, so their appearance in the text doesn't represent the order in which they must be read. Ideally, the reader would engage in the introduction, then select the section that addresses the dimension influencing classroom inquiry that is of greatest importance. The only exception to this is section 6, which is a specific form of enactment of classroom inquiry; engagement with this section may be best augmented after reading the sections that interest you.

Learning Together Through Inquiry National Academies Press

"One of the most important factors in making sure that all children achieve well is widely regarded to be a well-prepared teacher and this is particularly the case for those who teach in

urban settings. There are new pressures and familiar pressures on teachers and teacher educators to prepare teachers who will be able to teach in a changing world, and who will be able to change the world. The question of how to prepare well-qualified teachers has become an international question with global responses and consequences. This book describes a stance and pedagogy for helping young teachers to be successful in the most challenging of circumstances. *Self-Study and Inquiry into Practice: Learning to teach for equity and social justice* is about learning to use inquiry to teach in urban settings. The use of inquiry and self-study as ways of thinking about, understanding and developing one's practice and one's teaching can support teachers' continued inspiration and resilience to teach all children well in the face of very challenging circumstances. Using rich examples and case studies of how pre-service teachers and beginning teachers have used inquiry to learn from challenging urban placements, Linda Krull shows the importance of using inquiry and self-study in learning to teach and in continuing to learn as one teaches. Inquiry and self-study is a useful way to understand what students understand, what they learn from our teaching, and the power and responsibility we have to ensure that all our students achieve their highest potential"--

IS FOR INQUIRY

Teachers College Press

My Capstone Project involved the study of dialogue about art as a collaborative means to inquiry, echoing the writing of Terry Barrett, Olivia Gude, Nel Noddings and others. I focused my research on a group of my fifth grade students' dialogic experiences with art in the classroom, viewed in print and online, and at a local art museum. Applying action research for the study, I collected art statements and reflections, plus recorded and videotaped dialogue as it evolved in our classroom art studio. Analyzing my data lead me to two major findings. First, I discovered that talking about art is a social process and that my role as teacher affected the process. Secondly, I saw how different students respond to art in different ways, how individually and in written form, students hesitate to respond deeply and how together, they are able to find questions and make meaning of different works of art. I share my findings through my website (<http://www.thefineartsstudio.weebly.com>), which will include video footage, notes and images presented as a visual narrative, and a prepared manuscript to submit to Art Education Journal. My recommendations to other teachers interested in promoting dialogic inquiry in the classroom include: establishing a safe and trusting classroom environment for social and emotional learning to take place; exposing students to multiple forms of art that promote contemporary art thinking; creating an open forum for interpretation; incorporating different means for multi-modal discussion in the art classroom; and, lastly, acknowledging that talking about art with others fosters collaborative inquiry.

A GUIDE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Routledge

Humans, especially children, are naturally curious. Yet, people often balk at the thought of learning science--the "eyes glazed over" syndrome. Teachers may find teaching science a major challenge in an era when science ranges from the hardly imaginable quark to the distant, blazing quasar. *Inquiry and the National Science Education Standards* is the book that educators have been waiting for--a practical guide to teaching inquiry and teaching through inquiry, as recommended by the National Science Education Standards. This will be an important resource for educators who must help school boards, parents, and teachers understand "why we can't teach the way we used to." "Inquiry" refers to the diverse ways in which scientists study the natural world and in which students grasp science knowledge and the methods by which that knowledge is produced. This book explains and illustrates how inquiry helps students learn science content, master how to do science, and understand the nature of science. This book explores the dimensions of teaching and learning science as inquiry for K-12 students across a range of science topics. Detailed examples help clarify when teachers should use the inquiry-based approach and how much structure, guidance, and coaching they should provide. The book dispels myths that may have discouraged educators from the inquiry-based approach and illuminates the subtle interplay between concepts, processes, and science as it is experienced in the classroom. *Inquiry and the National Science Education Standards* shows how to bring the standards to life, with features such as classroom vignettes exploring different kinds of inquiries for elementary, middle, and high school and Frequently Asked Questions for teachers, responding to common concerns such as obtaining teaching supplies. Turning to assessment, the committee discusses why assessment is important, looks at existing schemes and formats, and addresses how to involve students in assessing their own learning achievements. In addition, this book discusses administrative assistance, communication with parents, appropriate teacher evaluation, and other avenues to promoting and supporting this new teaching paradigm.

Cultivating Students' Potential from Pre-K through High School

Routledge

For the young child, art is a way of solving problems, conceptualizing the world, and creating new possibilities. In *Everyday Artists*, the author addresses the disconnect that exists between the teaching of art and the way young children actually experience art. In doing so, this book questions commonly held notions and opens up exciting new possibilities for art education in the early childhood classroom. A practicing teacher herself, Bentley uses vignettes of children's everyday activities--from block building to clean-up to outdoor play--to help teachers identify and scaffold the genuine artistic practice of young children. Book Features: Tangible examples of everyday arts experiences told through lively classroom stories. An examination of the teacher's role with suggestions of appropriate ways to support children's artistic expression. Clear explanations of how inquiry and creativity contribute to the overall thinking and learning of the young child. A "Voice of the Teacher" section that offers teaching strategies for extending children's thinking and learning. A wide-range of ideas for teachers who feel they do not know how to "do" art. Dana Frantz Bentley is a teacher researcher and preschool teacher at Buckingham Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She received a Doctorate of Education, Art, and Art Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. "Much has been written about the role of the arts in education, especially about the importance of the arts to early childhood learning. Dana Frantz Bentley endows the arts with an additional and central kind of significance rooted in a broad conception of cognition." --From the Foreword by Judith M. Burton, Teachers College, Columbia University "Like the young children she describes, Dana Frantz Bentley is an 'everyday artist,' making something 'beautiful' of her informed and thoughtful pedagogy. There is much to learn from the artful reflection and generative inquiry of this inspired early childhood educator." --Jessica Hoffmann Davis, author of *Why Our Schools Need the Arts*

Inquiry and Creativity in the Early Childhood Classroom

Heinemann

Powerful tools for facilitating teachers' professional development and optimizing school improvement efforts! Combining professional learning communities (PLCs) and action research, this step-by-step guide provides coaches, workshop leaders, and staff developers with strategies, activities, and tools to develop inquiry-oriented PLCs. The authors present essential elements of a healthy PLC, case studies of inquiry-based PLCs, and lessons learned for improving coaching practices. Sample projects and reflection prompts will help readers: Organize, assess, and maintain high-functioning, inquiry-oriented PLCs Facilitate the development of study questions Enable PLC members to develop, analyze, and share research results Lead successful renewal and reform efforts

Inquiry and Innovation in the Classroom Heinemann

One of our greatest sources of wonder--the moon--becomes the focus of a classroom inquiry in this vivid illustration of integrated curriculum at its finest. Here, teachers Joni Chancer and Gina Rester-Zodrow recount how their students observed the moon's transit for twenty-eight days, recording their impressions in written and illustrated records called Moon Journals. As time goes by, we see these journals evolve from empirical observations into rich anthologies filled with prose, poetry, and artistic renderings using watercolors, pastels, printmaking materials, collage, and more. As the students experiment with multiple forms of composition, they begin to make sense of the world--and their place in it--in surprising ways. Moon Journals contains some twenty-eight Writing Invitations and twenty-eight Art Invitations that are actually mini-lessons. Each is illustrated with samples from actual Moon Journals and each includes easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions for reproduction in the classroom. Also included are a full-color insert, samples of teachers' own journals, a bibliography, discussions on developing portfolios and the studio/workshop environment, and a chapter exploring the theoretical underpinnings of this approach to writing, art, and science investigation. Moon Journals was written primarily for K-8 teachers, but it can also be used in high school and even at home. Above all, it is meant to serve as a model of fruitful inquiry in any subject area--in the realm of nature, or beyond.

A HANDBOOK FOR TEACHER-RESEARCHERS

Stylus Publishing, LLC.

Why do students stumble over certain concepts and ideas--such as attributing causality to correlation; revert to former misconceptions, even after successfully completing a course--such as physics students continuing to believe an object tossed straight into the air continues to have a force propelling it upward; or get confused about terminology--such as conflating negative reinforcement with punishment? This is the first book about lesson study for higher education. Based on the idea that the best setting in which to examine teaching is where it takes place on a daily basis--the lecture hall, seminar room, studio, lab, and the online classroom management system - lesson study involves several instructors jointly designing, teaching, studying, and refining an individual class lesson in order to explore student learning problems, observe how students learn, and analyze how

their instruction affects student learning and thinking. The primary purpose is to help teachers better understand how to support student learning and thinking. By observing how students learn through lesson study teachers can improve their own teaching and build knowledge that can be used by other teachers to improve their practice. Lesson study grew out of the collective efforts of classroom teachers in Asia--most notably in Japan--to improve their teaching. Subsequently imported, tested, and implemented by a group of instructors of biology, economics, English, and psychology at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, the process proved so valuable that the university has since established the College Lesson Study Project, of which the author of this book is Director. Focusing on a single lesson enables participants to examine in detail every step of the teaching process, from vision and goals, to instructional design, to implementation, to observation and analysis of student performance, and then evidence-based improvement. It enables faculty to explore learning problems that matter most to them, learn alternative ways to teach from one another, and co-design new course materials. This book introduces lesson study practices to college teachers, providing the necessary guidance, tools, examples, models, and ideas to enable teachers to undertake lesson study in their own classes. It also explores the underlying rationale for lesson study practices and how to realize the full potential of lesson study to advance teaching and learning. A Joint Publication with the National Teaching and Learning Forum An ACPA / NASPA Joint Publication

Everyday Artists Routledge

Teacher research is an extension of good teaching, observing students closely, analyzing their needs, and adjusting the curriculum to fit the needs of all. Ruth Shagoury and Brenda Miller Power present a framework for teacher research along with an extensive collection of narratives from teachers engaged in the process of designing and carrying out research projects to inform their instruction. --from publisher description.

The Reflective Educator's Guide to Professional Development

Heinemann Educational Books

Doing Teacher Research is one volume of the authoritative 13-title TeacherSource series. The author examines the issue from three distinct perspectives: Teachers' Voices, which are authentic accounts of teacher's experiences; Frameworks, which are comprehensive discussions of theoretical issues; and Investigations, which are inquiry-based activities.

Inquiry and Innovation in Middle School and High School Portage & Main Press

In this student-centered book, Debrah C. Sickler-Voigt provides proven tips and innovative methods for teaching, managing, and assessing all aspects of art instruction and student learning in today's diversified educational settings, from pre-K through high school. Up-to-date with the current National Visual Arts Standards, this text offers best practices in art education, and explains current theories and assessment models for art instruction. Using examples of students' visually stunning artworks to illustrate what children can achieve through quality art instruction and practical lesson planning, *Teaching and Learning in Art Education* explores essential and emerging topics such as: managing the classroom in art education; artistic development from early childhood through adolescence; catering towards learners with a diversity of abilities; integrating technology into the art field; and understanding drawing, painting, paper arts, sculpture, and textiles in context. Alongside a companion website offering Microsoft PowerPoint presentations, assessments, and tutorials to provide ready-to-use-resources for professors and students, this engaging text will assist teachers in challenging and inspiring students to think creatively, problem-solve, and develop relevant skills as lifelong learners in the art education sector. *Please note that the companion website for this title is still in development, but the accompanying online materials can be accessed at <https://my.pcloud.com/publink/show?code=kZEWVRkZ7NjL8c75yX8CoFfvS65OFk0xx8X>. Please contact Simon Jacobs at simon.jacobs@taylorandfrancis.com with any questions.*

Composting in the Classroom

Stenhouse Publishers

"Thinking critically. Communicating effectively. Collaborating productively. Students need to develop proficiencies while mastering the practices, concepts, and ideas associated with mathematics and science. Successful students must be able to work with large data sets, design experiments, and apply what they're learning to solve real-world problems. Research shows that inquiry-based instruction boosts students' critical thinking skills and promotes the kind of creative problem solving that turns the classroom into an energized learning environment. No matter what your experience with inquiry-based instruction, *Succeeding with Inquiry in Science and Math Classrooms* will help hone your ability to plan and implement high-quality lessons that engage students and improve learning"--Provided by publisher.

The Art of Teaching Science Stenhouse Pub

Typical art resources for teachers offer discrete art activities, but these don't carry children or teachers into the practice of using the languages of art. This resource offers guidance for teachers to create space, time, and intentional processes for children's exploration and learning to use art for asking questions, offering insights, exploring hypotheses, and examining experiences from

unfamiliar perspectives. Inspired by an approach to teaching and learning born in Reggio Emilia, Italy, *The Language of Art, Second Edition*, includes: A new art exploration for teachers to gain experience before implementing the practice with children Advice on setting up a studio space for art and inquiry Suggestions on documenting children's developing fluency with art media and its

use in inquiry Inspiring photographs and ideas to show you how inquiry-based practices can work in any early childhood setting Ann Pelo is a teacher educator, program consultant, and author whose primary work focuses on reflective pedagogical practice, social justice and ecological teaching and learning and the art of mentoring. Currently, Pelo consults early childhood educators and

administrators in North America, Australia, and New Zealand on inquiry-based teaching and learning, pedagogical leadership, and the necessary place of ecological identity in children's—and adults'—lives. She is the author of several books including the first edition of *The Language of Art* and co-author of *Rethinking Early Childhood Education*.

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