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Times Tables

Children with dyslexia have extreme difficulty memorizing math facts -- especially multiplication tables.



Susan Barton has been recommending "Times Tales" for several years -- as a fast, and amazingly easy, way of teaching the multiplication tables to dyslexic students.

Times Tales is only \$ 29.95, but because it may sound "too good to be true," the developers of Times Tales will let you download **part** of their system for free -- so you can try it out with your own child.

Go to:

<http://www.triggermemorysystem.com/>

Official GED Testing Site on Facebook

The official GED testing site has a Facebook account. If you have a Facebook account: do a search for: GED Testing Service - The Official Home of the GED Tests. You can also go to: http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GED_TS

Scroll down and click on Facebook.

There is a lot of interesting information found on this social networking site. Information includes the success of the GED graduates across United States, who has been interviewed and aired on television, who is the new Vice-President and Executive Director of the GED Testing Service and much more.

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan was interviewed on the Colbert Nation. To hear and view this interview-go to:

<http://www.colbertnation.com/the-colbert-report-videos/251047/october-05-2009/arne-duncan>

Vocabulary Game

This is a vocabulary game---you can choose your subject or even your language.

<http://www.freerice.com/index.php>

Nicole M. Chestang GED Testing Service Vice President and Executive Director



Washington, D.C. (October 6, 2009)—The American Council on Education (ACE) today appointed Nicole M. Chestang to the position of vice president and executive director of GED Testing Service®, a program of ACE. Her appointment is

effective Nov. 2, 2009.

Shift Happens

"Shift happens."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpEnFwiqdx8>

2012 GED Tests Plans Altered

The new series of GED tests have been put on hold.

The following information came from:

http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/news/National_Needs_Alter_Plans_for_GED_5th_Edition_100809.pdf

Over the past several months the movement towards more rigorous national standards for high school education has gained momentum. This changing national conversation on what it means to be a high school graduate and what is needed to be college and career ready has a direct impact on the GED Test. We must introduce changes and improvements to the GED Test that are aligned with this new direction. As a result, we will not introduce a GED Test, 5th Edition, on January 1, 2012. Because of the changing national landscape we have decided to transition directly from the current 2002 Test Series to a new, more comprehensive assessment program. This new program, GED 20/20, will dramatically increase the number of test-takers and GED credential recipients who are prepared to pursue postsecondary education opportunities. Elements of the new program will be introduced as early as 2010.

For the question and Answer sheet please go to:

http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/National_Needs_Announcement_FAQs.pdf

How Stuff Works After School Program Activities

Kids don't stop learning when they come home from school. The after-school activities for kids on these pages are entertaining, educational ways to engage kids and keep their curious minds working when they're not in the classroom.

<http://home.howstuffworks.com/after-school-activities.htm>

Flu Season Websites

Henry the Hand

Henry the Hand says, "Spread the word, not the germ". This is a neat website with posters and information on how to avoid germs.

<http://www.henrythehand.com/>

The 5th Guy

The American Society for Microbiology sent researchers into public rest rooms to watch what people do. They found that four out of five people wash their hands after using the restroom. Thus was born the campaign's central character: the "Fifth Guy." For posters, information, and the online video go to:

<http://www.5thguy.com/campaign.htm>

H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu): Resources for K-12 Schools

For more information on the H1N1 flu go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/schools/>

Recession Sees Surge in GED Test-Taking

A recent [report](#) from the GED Testing Service's (GEDTS) reveals that 2008 registered both the highest number of test-takers and the highest passing rate since the new GED series was introduced in 2002. Even more encouraging than the 6.6 percent surge in the number of adults who took the GED tests that year was an increase in the passing rate to 73 percent programwide. Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, and the U.S. military's Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) program achieved passing rates above 90 percent, according to GEDTS. The report also notes that test-taking in the last quarter of 2008, at the beginning of the economic downturn, increased 7 percent over the same period in 2007.

http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/pubs/GED_ASR_2008.pdf

SQUIRT

Acronym	Definition
SQUIRT	Sustained Quiet Uninterrupted Reading Time
SQUIRT	Sustained Quiet Uninterrupted Independent Reading Time
SQUIRT	Super Quiet Uninterrupted Independent Reading Time

This site has a “Weekly Reading Log” which can be downloaded in Word.

https://mail.lakotaonline.com/~jennifer.hoop/fe.hoop_squirt_reading.html

Some centers will let the students drink a Squirt pop during the SQUIRT time.

Stories Online

Stories are read online with the option to have closed caption on or off. These are great stories which the students can listen to.

After listening to the story there are activities, related activities, and a downloadable activity guide which will download as a pdf. This downloadable guide includes Internet activities, information about the author of the book, other books the author has written, and also information about the reader.

Great site for the After School Programs

The website is:
<http://storylineonline.net/>

Starfall Stories Online

This website has books to read and great pictures to go with the story, but there is no one reading the books, the children will need to read the story. This is more for early readers.

<http://www.starfall.com/n/level-c/fiction-nonfiction/play.htm?f>

Roy the Zebra Online Reading Activities

This site has guided interactive activities and reading online:

<http://www.roythezebra.com/>

Brain Research

May Point to Changes in Literacy Development

Brain Research: New brain-imaging technologies and a spate of recent studies suggest that reading aptitude is better understood as a spectrum of abilities related to biological architecture than as a universally acquirable skill. To read this article go to:

<http://www.edutopia.org/brain-research-reading-instruction-literacy>

Reader's Workshop

"When text and reader meet, a unique and personal experience is born" (Louise Rosenblatt, 1938)

What is reader's workshop? The reader's workshop encourages interaction between readers and text.

This website has many scripts available to download and use in the classroom!!

http://www.readinglady.com/index.php?module=documents&JAS_DocumentManager_op=viewDocument&JAS_Document_id=9&MMN_position=34:34

Carnevale: Jobs for Less Educated Adults May Not Come Back

Jobs held by low-skilled adults may not be coming back, said Anthony Carnevale, director of the Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce, in a recent [podcast](#). He said the current recession is “remarkable” because workers who lose jobs may not be coming back to the same job, employer or even occupation. Carnevale maintains that postsecondary education is key to recovery for these adults who need to upgrade marketable skills. The current recession has accelerated the shift in America's economy toward selecting workers based on broad skills gained from postsecondary education, Carnevale said.

<http://www.luminafoundation.org/podcast/2009-04-29.html>

Food Nutrition Comparisons

This site will allow you to compare the difference between 2 foods. Good website to use for nutrition classes. <http://www.twofoods.com/>

November 11, 2009 Veteran's Day

Veterans Day is for thanking **ALL** men and women who have served honorably in the military during times of war and peace.

The date was chosen to commemorate World War I, which ended on November 11, 1918.

Lessons of Liberty has ideas to use with children in the classroom.

<http://usgovinfo.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www1.va.gov/opa/iga/liberty/index.asp>

More Websites to use in the classroom:

<http://www.lessonplanet.com/search/search?media=lesson&keywords=veterans+day&clid=CONihc-m6p0CFShSagodX0-gLg>

<http://www.teach-nology.com/themes/holidays/veterans/>

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/>

