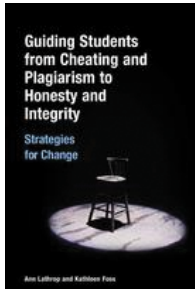


WHAT'S **new**



Ann Lathrop and Kathleen Foss have written **Guiding Students from Cheating and Plagiarism to Honesty and Integrity: Strategies for Change**.

According to the authors, the book is “a call to arms” to inspire students, teachers, administrators, librarians, and parents to make a concerted effort to change the student culture that ignores or tolerates cheating. They offer practical ideas and actions for use in the classroom or home that value, encourage, and support honesty. The authors make use of strong first-person accounts to address their topics. The book costs \$35.

MORE INFO: Libraries Unlimited, 1.203.226.3571, <http://www.lu.com>

Interactive messaging technology from **Living Language** delivers foreign language mobile phone lessons.



Offered by major mobile phone carriers, Living Language lessons are delivered on the user's own time and have full audio pronunciation of hundreds of words in either Spanish or English as a second language. Each application features more than 600 words, phrases, grammar lessons, short readings, interactive tutorials, flashcards, tests, and report cards.

Users customize the application so they learn at their own pace, choosing how many questions to receive per day, what the topics are, and when the learning begins and ends each day. The service costs \$2.99 per month.

MORE INFO: Vocel, <http://www.vocel.com>

Thomson Gale has added podcast feeds to **InfoTrac** on Thomson Gale PowerSearch and its Student Resource Center, Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center, and History Resource Center databases. Users can search any topic in the databases, and all feeds that include that topic will be featured in their search results. Feeds can be downloaded to an iPod or MP3 device for immediate or future use. All weekly presidential radio addresses starting from January 2005 are available.

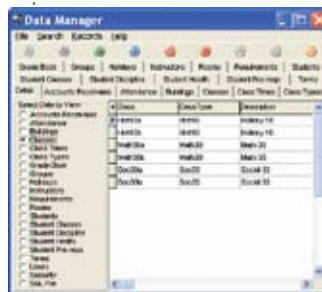
MORE INFO: Thomson Gale, <http://www.gale.com>

Toshiba's **TDP-S8U mobile projector**

features 1,800 ANSI lumens and, according to the company, a powerful combination of brightness, portability, and versatility. The projector has DLP (digital light processing) technology, a 2000:1 contrast ratio, and native SVGA 800 × 600 resolution. For multimedia presentations, the projector has composite, S-video inputs and audio in/out capabilities. Users can connect the projector to a standard cable connection or DVD player. The projector weighs 4.4 pounds and has keystone correction, a fully loaded remote control, and a throw ratio of 1.93–2.13:1. The projector costs \$799.



MORE INFO: Toshiba, <http://www.toshiba.com>



CyberMatrix Class Scheduler 5.0

is Windows-based software that helps students and school administrators schedule student classes. Classes can be added, deleted, and assigned to different rooms or instructors on the main schedule screen. Class times can be moved around using drag and drop functionality, and a bulk scheduling feature allows a list of all students to be entered in one step. Payment and invoicing features are included. The software costs \$100 for a single license, and multiseat and site licenses are available. Nonprofit organizations are eligible for a 10% discount.

MORE INFO: CyberMatrix Corporation Inc., 1.888.664.0383, <http://www.cybermatrix.com>

The InvestiGator Club Prekindergarten Learning System

is a comprehensive program of club membership, instruction, teacher support, and materials for the PK classroom. Children are taught basic readiness skills such as the alphabet, numbers, shapes, and colors as well as social skills of experiments, singing, dancing, and sign language. The teacher's guide offers flexible lesson plans with built-in staff development features to help teachers meet national standards and learning goals. The interactive Web site includes areas for teachers, parents, and stu-



dents, with activities and investigations. The software costs \$2,400–\$2,700 for one classroom.

MORE INFO: Robert-Leslie Publishing, 1.847.733.8100, <http://www.investigatorclub.com>

Curriculum Associates Inc. has made available an online professional development course for K–12 teachers looking to link different subject areas together to more effectively meet state and national standards. **Integrating the Curriculum: Teaching for Student Success** is developed and led by Sylvia Lewis and consists of two lessons. The first lesson discusses key principles of curriculum integration as well as findings regarding the benefits of various approaches. The second lesson provides guidelines for getting started and shows how implementing an integrated curriculum can resolve time management challenges and align lessons with federal, state, and local standards. Both lessons feature text and audio instruction, downloadable handouts and reading assignments, and lesson reviews. There is no fee for the lessons.

MORE INFO: Curriculum Associates Inc., 1.800.225.0248, <http://www.curriculumassociates.com/TIE>



Bernajeau Porter's book, **DigiTales, The Art of Telling Digital Stories**, combines the ancient art of telling a story while using current technology tools using images, graphics, music, and sound. According to the author, the book helps beginning digital storytellers select and use hardware and software, and provides ideas and resources to enable them to take first steps in digital storytelling. The book includes an

index of URLs and resources, such as copyright information, free software downloads, and storytelling associations. The book costs \$34.95.

MORE INFO: DigiTales, <http://www.digitales.us>

Computers in Education for Talented and Gifted Students: A Book for Elementary and Middle School Teachers



Written for both preservice and in-service teachers, **Computers in Education for Talented and Gifted Students: A Book for Elementary and Middle School Teachers** explores the various roles of information and communication technology (ICT) in talented and gifted (TAG) education. Written by David Moursund, the book addresses educational opportunities and education of TAG students, explores possible changes in the educational system, and aims to increase the general knowledge of teachers about the field of computers in education. There is sufficient material in the book to support a one-credit course or a multiday workshop, and each chapter ends with a short list of questions for verbal or written discussion. The book, the sixth in a series, is available as a PDF or MS Word file at no cost online.

MORE INFO: David Moursund, <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~moursund/Books/TAG/TAG.html>



Gateway's **M685-E notebook** has a full-size keyboard with dedicated 10-key keypad, Gigabit Ethernet, and a 17" wide-screen display. The machine features

Intel Centrino Duo mobile technology for integrated wireless options such as Bluetooth technology, Microsoft XP Professional, a

combined CD-RW/DVD drive, and 512 MB RAM with a 1.66 GHz processor. According to the company, the notebook shares common components and accessories with previous generation Gateway models and can be used as a desktop replacement. The notebook starts at \$1,699.

MORE INFO: Gateway, 1.800.846.2000, <http://www.gateway.com>

Cool C Quiz (CCQ) is interactive quiz software for grades 1–5 that works on any Windows machine, including PDAs. Each quiz is led by a voice through the computer, prompting the user to select content, clues, and answers, similar to a game



show host. The text for each question and clue is displayed on the screen to reinforce reading skills. A Spanish flag icon allows for a translation of questions and clues in Spanish. Results are immediate for each question, and the software features quizzes, a study mode, quiz timer, and a scoreboard, along with nearly 800 questions in language arts, math, social studies, and science. The software costs \$29.95, and a 30-day trial version is available.

MORE INFO: Interactive Speech Solutions LLC, 1.954.793.4858, <http://www.getCCQ.com>

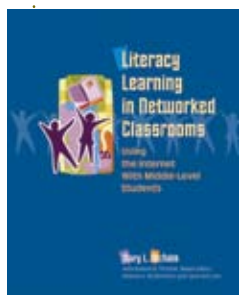
LearningStation and Bandwidthmoms.com have teamed up to deliver online tests through a custom Web portal, **FasTests.com**. For a \$12.95 monthly subscription fee, parents may enroll students by grade level for access to math and language arts tests. Test questions are tied to national standards for students in grades 3–8 and familiarize students with testing they experience at school. In addition to the online tests, the portal also offers activities, lesson plans, homework help, links to libraries and museums, reference information, and a community resources section for parents.

MORE INFO: FasTests.com, <http://www.FasTests.com>

Literacy Learning in Networked Classrooms: Using the Internet With Middle-Level Students

helps teachers support students with technology that expands their literacy abilities. Written by Mary L. McNabb with Bonnie B. Thurber, Balazs Dibuz, Pamela A. McDermott, and Carol Ann Lee, the book presents a research-based framework to guide the design and implementation of Internet-based literacy learning opportunities. The book begins with an overview of the Internet's history within education, and progresses through online teaching. The practices align with Standards for the English Language Arts and NETS-S. Each chapter ends with study guide questions that, when used for professional development purposes, align with NETS-T. The authors include a glossary of Internet terms and methods. The book costs \$22.95.

MORE INFO: Learning Gauge, 1.800.336.7323, <http://www.learninggauge.org/literacy.html>



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The **Start-to-Finish Core Content** reading program from Don Johnston Inc. combines text books with age-appropriate multimedia support. The books are written in two ranges, grades 2–3 and 4–5. They feature simplified vocabulary and include photos and illustrations, narration, and an uncluttered layout.

The books are complemented by audio and computer books on disk, as well as a reference guide. The computer books include short video clips to explain difficult concepts, sentence-by-sentence highlighting, and one page per screen viewing. The disks are Win/Mac compatible. Pricing for a single title is \$79. Contact the company for bulk pricing.

MORE INFO: Don Johnston Inc., 1.800.999.4660, <http://www.donjohnston.com>

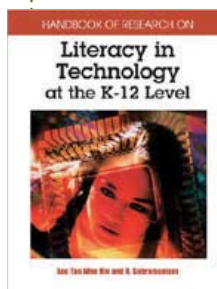
SecureDoc 4.1

software protects information on desktops and laptops by encrypting it during a computer's pre-boot sequence and employing security authentication from password to hardware token, biometrics, and public key infrastructure (PKI). According to the company, the software supports Latin language passwords, has faster encryption and decryption, localized passwords at boot up, case sensitive user IDs, and a password recovery feature. Pricing is available from the company.

MORE INFO: WinMagic Inc., 1.888.879.5879, <http://www.winmagic.com>



According to editors Dr. Leo Tan Wee Hin and Dr. R. Subramaniam, the **Handbook of Research on Literacy in Technology at the K-12 Level** was written to provide tips and strategies for schools to enhance effective



teaching and learning. The reference book covers issues, methods, and theories of technology literacy collected by 50 international contributors, and it details more than 1,300 references on existing literature and research on literacy and technology. The book is organized by topic, and is cross-referenced by subject and research information. The publisher offers no-cost

online access for libraries with the purchase of a print copy. The book costs \$195.

MORE INFO: Idea Group Inc., 1.717.533.8845, <http://www.idea-group-ref.com>