Why Should We Bother With Spelling?

With so much to do and so little time it seems, why should schools bother with devoting time to spelling instruction at all? Deborah K. Reed from the University of Texas, El Paso, has researched the issue and found, “Proficiency in spelling actually supports reading and reflects more advanced linguistic knowledge because it requires the integration of phonological, orthographic and morphological knowledge.”

In Why Spelling Matters, she outlines not only why spelling is a critical skill in the common core era, but provides a fabulous checklist for evaluating spelling programs and a set of tables outlining where spelling factors in to each grade level’s standards. Check out the whole document here:


More resources for spelling instruction:

http://www.vocabulary.co.il/why-learning-spelling-words-is-important/

Meet the Winners of the LA County Spelling Bee!

The 11th Annual LA County Spelling Bee was held last week on March 30th. The competition went 10 rounds and came down to 2 words- demarcate and memorabilia. Third place went to Noah Neri from Newhall SD, second place was Ryan Yan from San Gabriel USD and the top spot was snatched by 6th grader, Gabriel Gottheim, from La Cañada USD. The top two spellers and their parents will be sponsored by LACOE to attend the CA State Elementary Spelling Bee on April 23rd in San Joaquin. We wish them the very best of luck!

Visit our website for more information: http://www.lacoe.edu/CurriculumInstruction/ReadingLanguageArts.aspx

Upcoming Events/Trainings

Here’s what we have on deck:

May 4: K-8 Instructional Materials Fair-Antelope Valley
Register http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-112067

May. 16: Literacy Leaders Collaborative
Register @ http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-97442

May 10 & 17: Metacognition: The Missing Link to a Deeper Think, 6-12
Register @ http://lacoe.k12oms.org/1540-101738

May 19: Adoption Toolkit Final Training!
Register @ http://lacoe.kms.org/1540-112708