

Special Services Building Report

For: December 14, 2021

Board Meeting

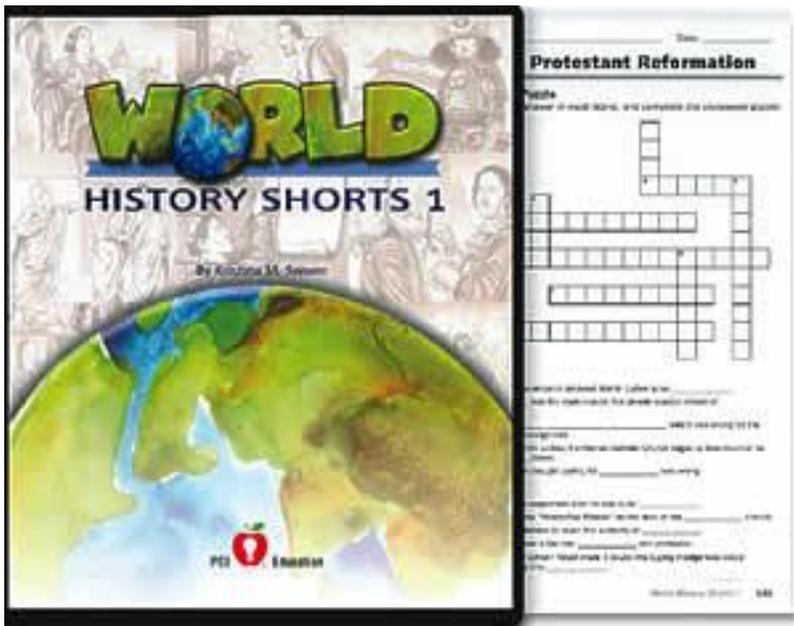
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Special Education Activities

- **The SpEd department recently ordered new curriculum materials for the Life Skills Programs at Browning Middle and High Schools. Both programs needed updated research-based materials in all academic areas that support district requirements. Attached is a brief overview of each curriculum. I also have samples of each to share.**
- **Currently have 236 students enrolled with IEPs K-12, and an additional 46 evaluations pending. In addition, we have 7 BECC referrals that have been submitted for review.**
- **I've been conducting trainings with the new Occupational Therapist, Jennifer Gordon, Physical Therapist, Robin Taccetti, Julie Alberlan the new High School ITutor teacher for the Life Skills Program and Gina Faragher the new Napi ITutor Teacher for the Resource**

Program. We have been working on how to use our email, usage of Infinite Campus, how to access caseloads, IEP's and what Montana IEP's look like, how they may differ from what they may be used to and how to write them. I look forward to working with each of them for the remainder of the year!

- At this time SpEd only has 2 teaching positions left to fill that are being covered by Teacher Assistants. 4 of the classes will require teacher of record.



Designed for students of all ages who need help learning the basic concepts covered in World History classes.

These two Resources help students of all ages learn basic concepts covered in World History courses. The low reading level and high interest illustrations engage struggling readers. Effective for students with learning differences, on-level students, and students and adults who are reading below grade level. Each 210-page Resource features 30 one-page stories, or shorts, that focus on key historical concepts. Featured in 14-point font for easier readability, the shorts can be used as introductory lessons or as an overview for topics to be covered quickly.

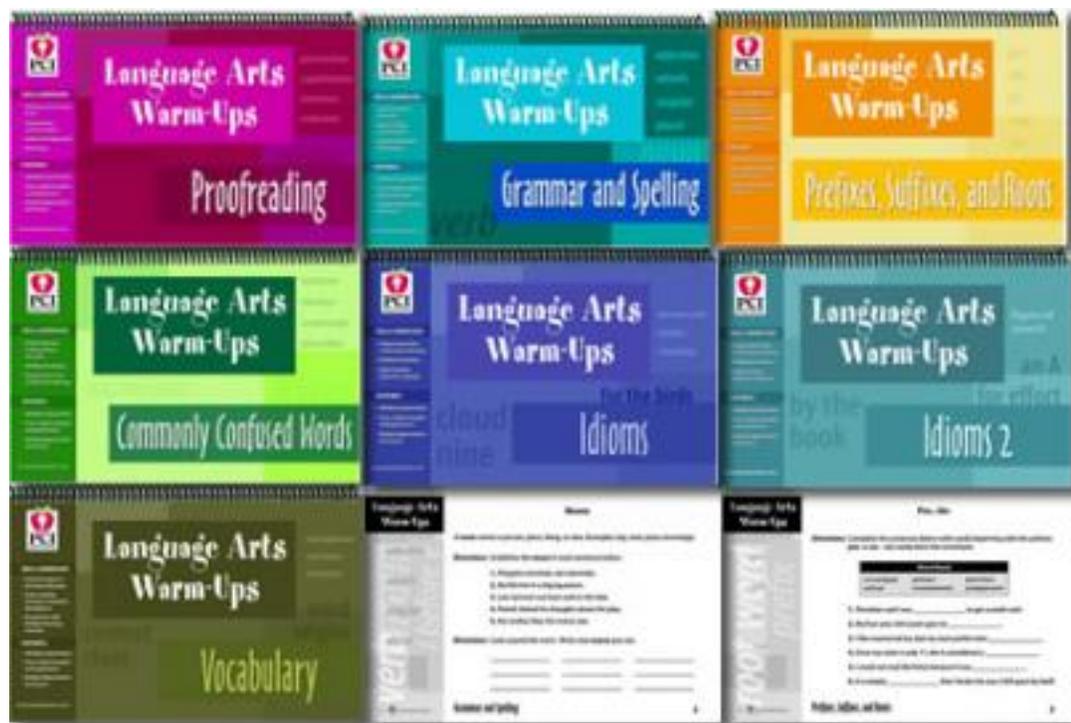
Resource One Covers the pyramids of ancient Egypt, the city-states of ancient Greece, Rome as a republic and an empire, feudalism, the Crusades, the Middle Ages and Black Death, the Renaissance, Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation, European exploration and colonization of Asia and the Americas, modernization of Russia and Japan, and more.

Resource Two Covers the scientific and industrial revolutions, the American, French, and Russian revolutions, the rise of Nazism and fascism in Germany, Italy, and Japan, World Wars I and II, the Holocaust, the rise and fall of communism, the Cold War, modern Latin America, India, and Japan, terrorist attacks of the 20th and early 21st centuries; and more.

CD Resources contain PDF versions of the print resources which you can view and print from your computer.

This program is ideal for:

- **Special Education / Special Needs**
- **Struggling Learners**
- **Students-at-Risk**
- **Learning Disabled**
- **Remedial Education**
- **Differentiated Education**



Provide opportunities to develop and practice key language arts skills!

The series is designed to supplement any language arts curriculum. The reproducible activities include definitions and examples.

- 180 Warm-Ups per Book
- Answer Keys

Proofreading Covers capitalization, punctuation, subject-verb agreement, and more.

Grammar and Spelling Addresses parts of speech, basic spelling rules, and more.

Prefixes, Suffixes, and Roots Presents common word parts such as non-, un-, -er, -est, and more.

Commonly Confused Words Reinforces word meanings for everyday words, including effect and affect; here and hear; they're, there, and their; good and well; its and it's; and more.

Idioms Explores idioms, including bury the hatchet; over your head, a ballpark figure, raining cats and dogs, green thumb, and more.

Idioms 2 Explores more idioms, including hit it off, jump on the bandwagon, pay the piper, wet blanket, head honcho, a bump in the road, and more.

Vocabulary Covers synonyms, antonyms, word origins, homophones, multiple meaning words, context clues, and more



A literature-based life skill curriculum for secondary students who read at a third grade level and above.

The book set includes six books with a total of 120 short stories. They focus on typical teen experiences and the skills we all need to navigate life. Each story is five pages long with a Flesh-Kincaid 2nd- 3rd grade reading difficulty level. The characters in the stories are teens, friends, and family members. Some stories are humorous, some are mysterious, and others dramatic. Each story concludes with What Do You Think? and What Would You Do? sections.

The **instructors guide** provides a plot summary, review materials, quiz questions, and vocabulary comprehension for each story. A life skills index makes it easy to select stories that support specific life skills.

Additional activities are provided as printable PDF files for discussion, practice, and evaluation. DAISY/NIMAS versions are included on the CD.

Each **Introductory Kit** includes a six book set and one Instructors Guide. The Classroom Set includes 8 six-book sets and one Instructor's Guide.

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Improve students skills across multiple subjects with these reproducible Common Core titles!

Science and Social Studies teachers are expected to change how they teach because of the new CCSS for English Language Arts and the new CCSS for Literacy and Writing in History and Science. Teachers must continue to meet their existing Science and Social Studies standards, and also integrate new reading, writing,

analysis, inference, rigor, and more into their daily instruction. Teachers can supplement existing resources by choosing the books in this series that match the Science and Social Studies topics taught. **Common Core Lessons and Activities** cover reading for information, higher-order thinking, writing prompts, primary source analysis, vocabulary, graphic organizers, map activities, and more. Each book provides ready-to-use reproducible pages that include the exact Common Core lessons and activities needed to meet the new added requirements of Common Core! This series is suitable for students in Grades 3 through 8.

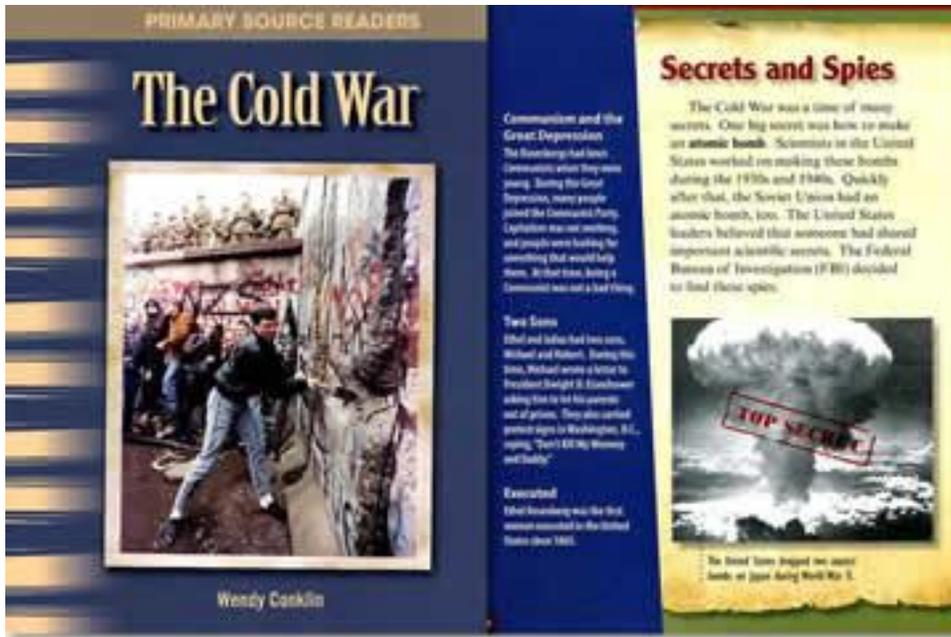


A great way to teach fiction using leveled texts!

Learn how to differentiate instruction with this book featuring excerpts from 15 different classic works including such titles as: *The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*. Each passage is written at four different reading levels with a focus on setting, character, plot, or language usage and features matching visuals. Symbols placed in the lower corner of each page represent the reading level range and are designed to help teachers differentiate instruction. Comprehension questions are also provided to complement each reading level. A Digital Resource CD is included with a modifiable version of each passage in text format and full-color versions of the texts and image files. This resource is correlated to the Common Core State Standards.

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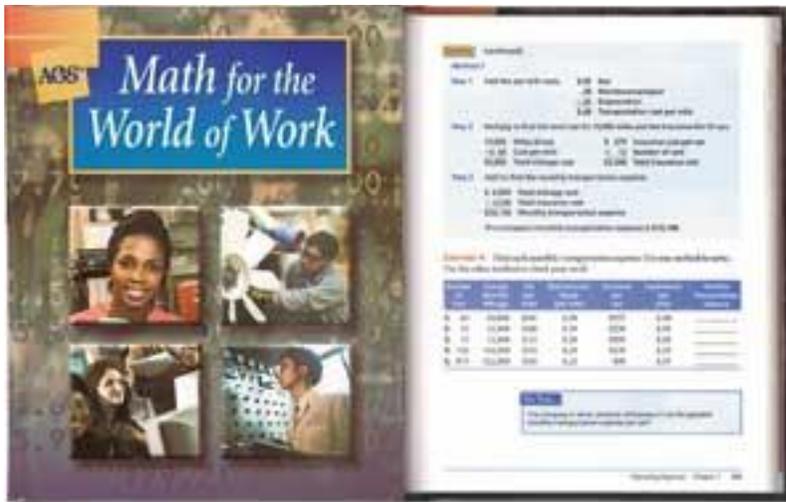


Give all students the opportunity to comprehend the importance of historical people and events!

These **Primary Source Readers** grab the attention of every learner while traveling through history to explore the influence and impact of leaders, events, and places. The content-rich themes coupled with colorful supporting graphics are presented in a learner-friendly format to help provide struggling students with important access to social studies. Specially selected series themes include early American History, U.S. expansion, world cultures, and the 20th century.

Special reader features in this series include:

- Biographies of key figures
- Fun facts and primary source highlights
- Supporting photographs and graphics
- Timelines
- Glossaries
- Indexes
- Table of contents



Teach students the math skills they need to enter the workforce

Foundational

This full-color, easy-to-read text focuses on the skills students will need on the job: understanding wages and benefits, calculating interest, using credit cards, and balancing business costs and profits. Cover critical skills like whole numbers, fractions, decimals, averages, estimating, measurements, ratios, and see how they relate to jobs. Lessons are reinforced with problem-solving activities, exercises, and review questions to give students plenty of practice and solidify their understanding of new skills.

Features:

- Build reluctant reader's confidence with easy-to-read, high-interest text.
- Engage students with Application Activities that relate mathematical concepts directly to common workplace activities.
- Help students focus on chapter objectives with Goals for Learning
- Encourage technology-based problem-solving with Technology Connections exercises.
- Reinforce writing and communication skills along with mathematical concepts using Writing About Mathematics questions.
- Plan lessons and activities easily with more than 200 additional activities on CD-ROM.
- Correlates with NCTM standards.

Table of Contents:

- Wages
- Benefits
- Kinds of Businesses
- Human Resource Departments
- Business Travel
- Corporate Banking
- Operating Expenses
- Business Management

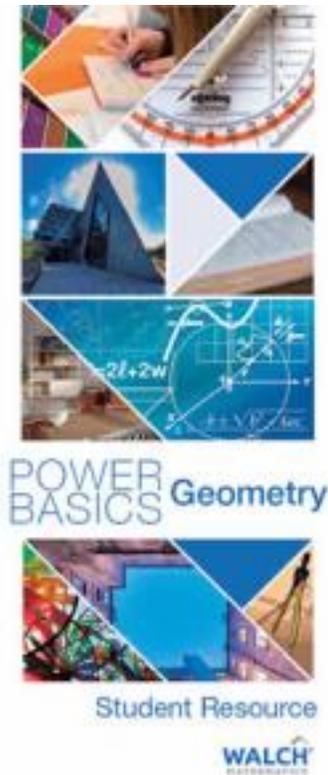
- Casualty Insurance
- Government Regulations
- Risks for Business Owners
- Sales and Marketing
- Mail-Order Business

Features Include:

- Quick overviews of the units, chapters, and sections save planning time.
- Lesson overviews and objectives are listed for easy reference.
- Page references are provided for convenience.
- Vocabulary activities are suggested to help students learn terms in each section.
- Discussion questions and answers are provided to enhance instruction.
- Where relevant, a Pronunciation Guide is provided to help teachers work with students to pronounce difficult words correctly.

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Step 3. The last step is to add the area of rectangle $AADC$ to the area of triangle EBC to get the total area of the shape:

$$84 \text{ feet}^2 + 55 \text{ feet}^2 = 139 \text{ feet}^2$$

The area of the shaded irregular shape on the preceding page is 139 feet².

REAL LIFE

Lisa wants to put down 1-foot-square tiles in an L-shaped section of her kitchen floor. The long part of the L is 7 feet by 3 feet. The shorter part of the L is another 3 feet wide and 3 feet long. Look at the diagram below.

Lisa remembers that the way to find the area of an irregular figure is to divide it into regular figures and add their areas. So Lisa divides her L-shaped section into a square and a rectangle. The area of the rectangle is 7 feet \times 3 feet = 21 sq ft. The area of the square is 3 feet \times 3 feet = 9 sq ft. This means Lisa will need 30 tiles (21 sq ft + 9 sq ft = 30 sq ft).

Demystifies the language of geometry to make learning easier. Revised 2021

With increased emphasis on the [No Child Left Behind Act](#) and the pressure to meet these standards, [The Newly Revised Power Basics Geometry](#) offers students traditional textbook content in an accessible format. The text is organized into manageable instructional units that build proficiency and mastery in core curriculum areas. Designed to provide students with on-level content at a controlled reading level, the program includes Student Texts, Workbooks, Test Packs, and Teacher Guides or Answer Keys for all components.

The text enables student mastery of core content that meets the standards and supports differentiation and all levels of learning. The on-level content with a lower reading level make learning accessible to all students. The compact (6½" x 8½"), lightweight, softcover textbooks provide a unique and student-friendly design. The program features extensive practice and review and frequent opportunities for assessment. The test pack includes reproducible tests for each chapter of the student textbook. [Power Basics](#) guides learners toward mastery of essential math concepts from basic operations through fractions, decimals, and percent's and the fundamentals of algebra, and geometry. Through practice, review, word problems and real-world activities, this program is designed to assure that students of all abilities master essential math concepts. The content of this series adheres to the [NCTM](#) standards.

Features:

- Demystifies the language of geometry to make learning easier
- Prepares students for standardized tests with activities on measurement, area and volume
- Outlines the characteristics and properties of two- and three-dimensional geometric shapes

- Presents easy-to-follow procedures for solving problems with lines, angles, circles, and polygons

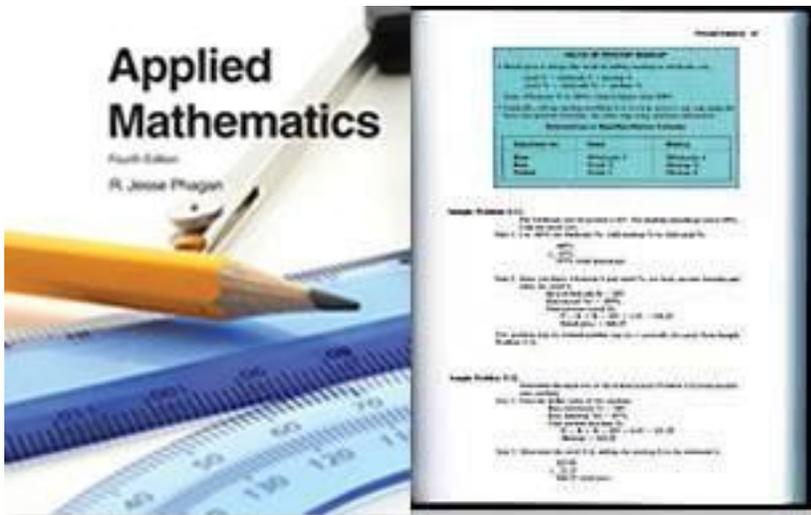
Table of Contents: Points, Lines, and Dimensions, Angles, Equal Angles, Triangles, Right Triangles and the Pythagorean Theorem, Perimeter, Area of Parallelograms, Area of Triangles and Irregular Shapes, The Parts of a Circle, Finding Circumference Measurements, Area of a Circle, Diameter, Radius, Circumference, and Area, Word Problems with Perimeter, Circumference, and Area, Volume of Rectangular Solids, Volume of a Pyramid, Volume of a Cylinder, Volume of a Sphere, Word Problems with Volume, Number Lines, The Coordinate Plane, Graphing Lines on the Coordinate Plane, Linear Equations, and Slope.

Test packs include reproducible tests for each chapter of the student textbook.

Classroom Set Includes 10 student textbooks, 1 teachers guide, 10 student workbooks with answer key and 1 test pack.

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Answers the question, “Where will I use this math concept?”

Applied Mathematics has been developed as a complete math course. It is particularly relevant to the needs of students in vocational and technical programs. Through the use of realistic applications, an understanding of the importance of math is developed. Skills in problem solving are also developed. This textbook answers the question, “Where will I use this math concept?”

The text contains an abundance of Sample Problems, Practice Problems, and Problem-Solving Activities. With this combination, there should be no difficulty mastering objectives and developing sound math skills. In addition

to this textbook, a workbook is available. The workbook consists of Practice Problems and Problem-Solving Activities that follow the format of the text to ensure continuity.

Features include:

- Clear, readable text in a well-organized, easy-to-follow format, allowing students with diverse abilities to understand basic math.
- Coverage of the basics that builds understanding of math principles presented in later chapters.
- Exercises and activities that develop problem-solving abilities and provide examples of applications.
- Principles tied to real-life applications and current technologies.
- Key terms presented in boldface type and defined in context when introduced.

Contents include:

- Solving Word Problems and Whole Numbers
- Fractions
- Decimal Fractions
- Percentage
- Personal Finances
- Graphs
- Units of Measure
- Reading Tools for Measurement
- Perimeter, Area and Volume
- Signed Numbers and Operations
- Introduction to Algebra
- Algebraic Equations and Inequalities
- Graphs of Linear Equations and Inequalities
- Solving Problems with Algebra
- Applied Trigonometry
- Scientific and Engineering Notation
- Introduction to Estimating



Living on Your Own teaches a wide range of housekeeping activities and related interpersonal skills. Activities include the basics like setting the table and mopping the floor, outdoor maintenance, and living with roommates. The heavily illustrated **Survival Guide** features vocabulary, step-by-step activity sequences, comprehension quizzes, and photo essays featuring age appropriate models for the 34 activities listed below.

Living On Your Own Reader is an engaging, photo-illustrated novella with characters about to graduate from high school. It deals with basic transition issues such as finding a job, having relationships, and living independently. Each chapter ends with a set of comprehension activities: Vocabulary Quiz, Emotion Word Quiz, and Sequence of Events. Lesson Plans provide topic narratives, student objectives, teacher scripts, plus a PDF CD that includes the Survival Guide, Reader, and Activity Assessment Forms.

LIFE SKILLS LESSONS INCLUDE:

- Straightening Up
- Using a Hand Vacuum
- Taking Out Garbage
- Emptying Wastebaskets
- Watering Plants
- Doing Laundry
- Sweeping/Dusting
- Shaking Rugs
- Indoor Maintenance
- Dust Mopping
- Cleaning Windows
- Caring for Pets
- Cleaning Smudges
- Cleaning Bathroom
- Outdoor Maintenance
- Mopping the Floor
- Cleaning Shower/Tub
- Home Safety Issues
- Sponge Mopping
- Cleaning Toilet Area
- Getting Along with Neighbors
- Hand Scrubbing
- Putting Clothes Away
- Having Roommates
- Vacuuming Floors
- Changing the Bed
- Internet Safety
- Vacuuming Carpets
- Doing Dishes
- Vacuuming Furniture
- Cleaning After a Meal

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The **Introductory Kit** includes a Survival Guide, a Reader, and Lesson Plans with a PDF CD and Classroom License for printouts.

The **Classroom Kit** includes eight Survival Guides, two Readers, and Lesson Plans with a PDF CD and Classroom License for printouts. The Survival Guide and Reader are also available separately.

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