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Membership Matters

CTA offers seminars on Common Core strategies and assessments

CTA is offering Common Core and Beyond: A Practicum on Literacy in the Content Areas, Mathematics, Instructional Strategies and Assessments this spring around instructional strategies and assessments.

- Friday, February 7 — Pasadena
- Saturday, April 5 — Stockton
- Saturday, May 3 — San Luis Obispo

The seminar will offer extensive practice on the Common Core Standards in the areas of curriculum, literacy strategies across the content areas, technology, assessments and performance tasks.

Whether you are new to the Common Core or already have experience, come and learn more about the implementation of the standards and the new timelines for assessments.

On the day of the seminars, registration and continental breakfast will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The first general session starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Persons not able to attend in person can do so online. You can find additional information and online registration at www.cta.org/CommonCoreSeminars.

“California Reads” offers teacher-approved quarterly book recommendations

CTA’s Read Across America committee is piloting a project, working closely with the California School Library Association, to expand what has been a single day of reading celebration—Read Across America every year on March 2 — to a yearlong promotion of reading for all ages. Rather than just one day and just one book, “California Reads” will offer teacher-

approved quarterly book recommendations for four age groups.

“The possibilities are endless for how teachers can use ‘California Reads’ in their classrooms and their communities,” said new Read Across America Committee Chair Michael Heyl. Current book recommendations and more information is available at <http://www.cta.org/californiareads>.

Governor’s proposed education funding increase further validates Prop. 30 approval

California Governor Jerry Brown’s state budget proposal announced on January 9, includes \$10 billion in new funding for K-12 schools and community colleges.

In addition, it includes \$6 billion to eliminate all deferral payments to local school districts and colleges, as well as \$244 million for CSU and UC systems

of higher education. Additionally, Gov. Brown expressed commitment to work with all parties to stabilize the teachers’ retirement system. The proposed increases are yet additional validation of the wisdom expressed by California voters when they approved Prop. 30 in 2012.

Additional information is available at www.cta.org/budget.