

## November 2014 Monthly Resources:



Dear Common Core Implementation Team Member,

November is a busy month for schools! I'm sure your students continue to be engaged with Common Core-aligned lessons and unit plans, and hope our November blast offers more ideas for inspiration.

In this blast you'll see Achieve's updated EQuiP Student Work protocol, a problem-solving program aligned to the Common Core by Metuchen teachers, websites for lesson ideas on current events and holidays, webinar listings, articles, and free NJDOE events.

In an effort to constantly improve our support to NJ educators, my team and I invite you to send ideas and suggestions to [njcore@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:njcore@doe.state.nj.us) on the following topics:

- What do you find most valuable in the CCIT resources?
- What changes would you like to see in the CCIT blast?
- What successes and lessons learned would you like to share about CCSS and PARCC parent information sessions your district has held?

Thanks for all you continue to do for students!



### General Common Core Resources

- **NJDOE Broadcast 10/14/2014: Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Update**

The October 14th NJDOE Broadcast provided updates on Commissioner Hesper's Common Core information campaign. Included in the broadcast was an overview from Kimberley Harrington, Chief Academic Officer, and talking points which educators can use at community forums, school board sessions, and in newsletters and other interactions with parents and the public. The Department has also developed a Common Core brochure as an additional tool for communication.

**Memo from Kimberley Harrington, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Academics:**

<http://education.state.nj.us/broadcasts/2014/OCT/14/12263/CommonCoreUpdate.pdf>

**CCSS NJDOE Brochure:**

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/sca/toolkit/CCSSNJBrochure.pdf>

**Superintendent CCSS Talking Points:**

<http://education.state.nj.us/broadcasts/2014/OCT/14/12263/Superindents%20CCSS%20Talking%20Points%20to%20Welcome%20Parents%20and%20Families.pdf>

**Principal CCSS Talking Points:**

<http://education.state.nj.us/broadcasts/2014/OCT/14/12263/Principals%20CCSS%20Talking%20Points%20to%20Welcome%20Parents%20and%20Families.pdf>

**School Board CCSS Talking Points:**

<http://education.state.nj.us/broadcasts/2014/OCT/14/12263/School%20Board%20Members%20CCSS%20Talking%20Points%20to%20Welcome%20Parents%20and%20Families.pdf>

**Teacher CCSS Talking Points:**

<http://education.state.nj.us/broadcasts/2014/OCT/14/12263/Teacher%20CCSS%20Talking%20Points%20to%20Welcome%20Parents%20and%20Families.pdf>

- **NJ Educator Resource Exchange: What's New?**

Check the NJCore.org site to see brand new annotated CCSS - aligned assessment questions that demonstrate the way the CCSS should drive instruction. These were released by New York State and are intended to help educators identify how the rigor of the state tests can inform classroom instruction. Please continue to contribute your Common Core - aligned lessons, unit plans, and favorite resources for sharing with colleagues statewide on New Jersey's first online PLC.

[www.njcore.org](http://www.njcore.org)

- **Metuchen Kindergarten Teachers and CCSS - aligned Problem - Solving Process:**

A recent NJEA Review described how kindergarten teachers at Metuchen's Moss School used inspiration from their principal and Dr. Maurice Elias, a Rutgers University professor, to create Common Core-aligned activities for students. They developed a process by "...infusing social problem solving and academic problem solving skills found throughout the Common Core..." with positive outcomes for student learning.

<http://www.metuchenschools.org/metuchen/In%20the%20News.../Putting%20Theory%20into%20Practice%20in%20Metuchen.pdf>

Find program materials at:

<http://www.metuchenschools.org/metuchen/Our%20District/Curriculum/Common%20Core%20Problem%20Solving%20Process%20Pilot/K%20CCPSP%20Scope%20and%20Sequence.pdf>

- **Education Week “Curriculum” blog: Venn Diagram of Overlapping CCSS and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)**

A Stanford University researcher created this Venn diagram described in a recent Education Week “Curriculum” blog. The diagram illustrates overlap between the Common Core ELA standards, CCSS Mathematical practices, and the NGSS, providing an instructive visual for recognizing skill and practice relationships within the content areas.

[http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/curriculum/2014/10/finding\\_overlap\\_in\\_the\\_common\\_core\\_standards\\_mathematical\\_practices\\_and\\_next\\_generation\\_science\\_standards.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+CurriculumMatters+\(Education+Week+Blog%3A+Curriculum+Matters\)](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/curriculum/2014/10/finding_overlap_in_the_common_core_standards_mathematical_practices_and_next_generation_science_standards.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+CurriculumMatters+(Education+Week+Blog%3A+Curriculum+Matters))

- **Education Resources from the Library of Congress:**

The Library of Congress website offers free teacher resources, lesson plans, an American Memory Timeline for finding primary sources for a time period or topic, a Primary Source Analysis Tool for students to record their thoughts on what they read, and professional development aligned to the Common Core State Standards. The Library utilizes an educational consortium of university and foundation partners to research, validate, and update the resources included on the site.

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>

**American Memory Timeline:**

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/timeline/>

With preparation ongoing for Spring 2015 assessments, the PARCC website now provides two features which are continually updated: monthly Twitter "office hours" for answering educators' questions, and current news on PARCC states' activities. Find both at:

<http://www.parcconline.org/news>



### **Further Reading on the Common Core**

- **The Atlantic: “*When Teachers Need Help in Math*”**

This Atlantic online article reports on how some schools are addressing professional development for educators as they implement the CCSS mathematics standards. Nationwide, there is growing interest in using math specialists to work with elementary and middle school teachers as they learn changes in mathematical practices and content at various grade levels.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/education/print/2014/10/when-teachers-need-help-in-math/381022/>

- **USA Today article on Teacher Survey on Common Core State Standards**

This USA Today article describes outcomes of a recent national survey of teachers implementing the Common Core State Standards. The survey results indicate that “...in states where the math and reading standards have been in place longest,” most educators feel prepared, although a large percentage have found it challenging. The survey was conducted by both Scholastic and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/10/02/teachers-survey-common-core/16601335/>

- **EdTech Magazine article on IBM Supercomputer and Implementation of CCSS**

IBM is working on a supercomputer, now a prototype known as "Watson," which could help K-12 and university educators nationwide as they implement the Common Core State Standards. According to a recent article in the ASCD SmartBrief, IBM's creation is designed to be a "digital teacher's assistant" providing instant information, guidance and learning tools for the new ELA and mathematics standards.

<http://www.edtechmagazine.com/higher/article/2014/10/watson-could-power-tech-teaches-teachers>



## Common Core - Aligned Lessons for Special November Dates

- **Newspapers in Education (NIE) - Events of the Week website**

This website contains free K-12 lesson plan ideas based on current week's global headlines. Click on the appropriate grade span (K-4, 5-8, and 9-12), and a series of stories appear including a summary of the news story, suggested student learning activities and related Common Core State Standards. Vocabulary quizzes can also be accessed.

<http://nieonline.com/nieonline/lessons.cfm?category=elementary&title=Lessons%20K-4>

<http://nieonline.com/nieonline/lessons.cfm?category=middle&title=Lessons%205-8>

<http://nieonline.com/nieonline/lessons.cfm?category=secondary&title=Lessons%209-12>

- **Scholastic's Free Lesson Plans**

The Scholastic website provides Common Core-aligned lessons related to a host of monthly topics and events. While some products and services are offered for a fee, many lesson plans and printouts are free, as well as the embedded videos.

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/free-lesson-plans>

Sign up for a free monthly newsletter with lessons and other resources listed by grade level at:

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/newsletter/signup.htm>



## Webinars and Other Broadcasts

- **Education Week Free Webinars:**

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/marketplace/webinars/webinars.html?intc=thed>

- **Library of Congress Free Webinars:**

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/professionaldevelopment/webinar/webinars-2014.html>

- **ASCD Free Webinars:**

<http://www.ascd.org/professional-development/webinars.aspx>



## **NJDOE Professional Development Opportunities**

- Find listings of free NJDOE professional development on any given day at our Calendar of Events: <http://education.state.nj.us/events/>
- Here are examples of some November professional development sessions that you may wish to register for:

### **Addition and Subtraction Grades K - 2**

Wednesday -November 12, 2014 - Trenton

<http://education.state.nj.us/events/details.php?recid=21345>

Registration is open until November 7, 2014.

[Online Registration](#)

### **Modeling in Grades 6 - 12**

Friday - November 14, 2014 - Morris Plains

<http://education.state.nj.us/events/details.php?recid=21338>

Registration is open until November 7, 2014.

[Online Registration](#)

### **Multiplication and Division Grades 3 - 5**

Wednesday - November 19, 2014 - Morris Plains

<http://education.state.nj.us/events/details.php?recid=21347>

Registration is open until November 12, 2014.

[Online Registration](#)

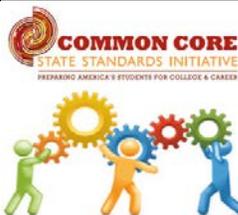
### **Addition and Subtraction Grades K - 2**

Wednesday - December 3, 2014 - Morris Plains

<http://education.state.nj.us/events/details.php?recid=21348>

Registration is open until November 26, 2014.

[Online Registration](#)



**Do you know someone who isn't receiving these?**

Forward this to a colleague and encourage them to sign-up!

<http://education.state.nj.us/ccit/subscribe.php>.



### Missed any CCIT mailings?

Find previous mailings at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/sca/team/ccit.pdf>



### How else can we help you?

Send us an e-mail at [njcore@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:njcore@doe.state.nj.us)

## NJCore.org What's Trending?

**New Features & Content on NJCORE.ORG** (<http://njcore.org/>)

- Badge awards for resource contributions levels.
- Featured content area on homepage

|                                       | Month (October) | Since Launch |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Number of Registered Educators</b> | 100             | 2,054        |
| <b>Number of Visitors</b>             | 11,647          | 100,822      |
| <b>Top 5 Districts</b>                | Jersey City     | Trenton      |
|                                       | Trenton         | Passaic      |
|                                       | Newark          | Bayonne      |
|                                       | Passaic         | Newark       |
|                                       | Egg Harbor      | Paterson     |