

PANORAMA of EDUCATIONAL THOUGHTS

An Old Educator's Views of Adventist Education

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Thoughts on Christian Education: The book *Education*, by E. G. White, begins with these words,

“Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a higher aim.”

“The question we must ask is “How do we change this?” Adventist schools must see the broader scope and aim higher. As you prepare for the 09/10 school year, think of your ideas of education. Our schools are to do more than teach students to read, write, and solve problems in math and science. They need to understand more about history than a list of dates. The purpose of PET is to assist you in meeting that challenge. Original ideas, new uses for old programs, a broader scope in the plans for this year are needed.

We would love to hear from you—especially if you have ideas to raise our aim and broaden our scope. You can send your e-mails to vaughn.jennings@yahoo.com or check out the PET Blog at <http://vaughnjennings.wordpress.com>. Together, the ideas of education can be uplifted and we will see a revitalization and evangelistic surge in Adventist education.

A New Year for PET The 2009/2010 school year is about to begin. Go to these sites to help you as you plan. <http://www.realclassroomideas.com/index.html> is a collection of activities and ideas collected over the past five years.

<http://ww7.com/herefixmykid/#What> is an interesting e-book on Christian education. Lots of great info here.

http://www.masterteacher.com/publication/detail.cfm?publication_Item_Number=120020 Many of us know about the *Master Teacher* publications. But did you know they also have a mini magazine for technology in the classroom? You are encouraged to download the sample and look over the other publications they have to offer.

<http://www.childrensministries.gc.adventist.org/index.html> Our Adventist Children's Ministries Department has a plethora of materials and ideas for working with God's kids. Be sure you watch the "We Need to Go" Children's Ministries Music Video and teach it to your students. Check out all of the great resources and links available for you.

<http://www.whiteestate.org/vez/vez.html> Get the Ellen White Visionary for Kids e-magazine. You can download it and read it on your classroom computers or print it out for use at student desks. Lots of great Adventist ideas here!

<http://www.whiteestate.org/godsmessenger.html> This is a brand new web site created especially for Adventist teachers wanting to enhance their students' spiritual walk with Jesus. There are 38 fully-developed lessons on 10 important topics that Adventist school students face in their daily lives.

<http://www.adventistmission.org> Use this site for discussions on missions, videos, worship talks, etc. Help your students to see the importance of being an Adventist missionary.

<http://applesaucekids.com> A large archives of truly Free, Jesus centered, Christian Bible study and youth ministry resources: Music, Crafts, Coloring Pages, Games, Puzzles, Activities, Videos, Object Lessons, Educational Links, Amateur Movie Making, and much, much more. Not Adventist, but truly Christian materials.

<http://www.edhelper.com> Want to make word search or crossword puzzles? This site lets you do a whole lot more.

http://www.eeinternational.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=31453 Kids' EE is a visual, interactive approach that teaches fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students the clear Gospel message and equips them to share it with others. Sign up for the Kids' EE leadership training. Or purchase the Quick Start Leader's Kit with everything you need to start training children to share the Gospel. Kids' EE is ideal for School time, after-school Bible clubs, neighborhood groups, etc.

END OF THE APRIL NEWSLETTER

That is enough for the August PET newsletter. I hope you found information you wanted to read, download, and/or use.

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May you continue to realize the blessings God has for you as you minister to His kids,

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