

WinkWorld November 2002

Dear Friends, this month we have a limited WinkWorld, as we are encouraging you to spend your time at the new URL: www.EdResearch.info

For another short article, which philosophically supports the work at www.EdResearch.info, treat yourself to the Howard Good article. Good, H. (2002, May 8). The age of impatience. Education Week. Retrieved October 18, 2002, from <http://www.edweek.org/ew/newstory.cfm?slug=34good.h21>

Howard Good, as you will see, has this nagging hunch that the sages of the ages simply would not be happy with much of what is happening in schools today. I am indebted to Pat Graham for her persistence in pushing me to read these short two pages. Thank you, Pat, and we are passing your gift on to others.

Two other postings follow:

First, Dawn shares a short piece: I De-TV'ed My Home: A Story of One Family's Transformation. Actually, this is a portion, taken out of context, for the next book *Passionate Pedagogy*. This segment will be in the chapter on families/parents. Dawn is writing about the importance of reading with children. Incidentally, she really did toss the TV a few weeks ago. If any of you reading this, do the same, please let us know. I am not that courageous yet, I guess.

One irony in what Dawn is writing is that, even when they had a TV, she read with the three little kids at least 2-3 hours per day average. Already, we can see that she is reading with the kids more than previously.

Second, Joan shares a short description of the Northern Lights for *Prairie Pedagogy*. The heat of summer is only a distant memory. As I write this, the prairies are completely white; water tanks, pumps, and wells are frozen. Cattle and horses are busy growing hair, as they search for feed and water. Wink is one step ahead of them. Winter begins. However, 40 degree temperature is forecast, and I must go for a walk on the prairies to enjoy the heat, as this may be our warmest temperature until next April. I only wish I were exaggerating.