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Hello Friends, this month in WinkWorld, I will share an open letter to Alfie Kohn written by a graduate student, Karalee; an update on homework by another graduate student, Andrea; a book review on Richard Allington written by Jim Trelease; information on dual language programs; important information on ERIC; and, the ever-evolving Prairie Pedagogy. Next month, Dawn will be creating our WinkWorld.

Putting the HOME back in Homework Packets by Andrea Katotakis

You may recall our previous discussion, [click here for more information](#), on ways of making homework meaningful. Andrea Katotakis initiated these thoughts as she prepared to collect data for her MA thesis on the effects of homework intervention with students in a 5th grade class. In the spirit of Alma Flor Ada, Andrea created packets, which are, not only meaningful, but also involve students with their extended family members. We are sharing these with the hope that you can use and/or adapt them in your own context. Andrea (katotakis@aol.com) and I will be happy to hear how this approach to homework works for you.

Trelease on Allington

Jim Trelease recently wrote a book review of Big Brother and the National Reading Curriculum: http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/whatsnu_allington.html by Richard Allington. We are happy to pass it on to you.

Research Corner on www.JoanWink.com

I will be adding a new section, Research Corner, on my web pages. My goal is to create a place for easy-access for the various materials, which cross my desk. I will begin with Dual Language Programs, as several teachers/graduate students in our area are focused on these for their MA theses and projects. Help yourself to anything, which we post. Feel free to send other URL's and information, which you think might be valuable.

Our Work Is Not Done: Saving ERIC

Many of you are aware of the national attempt by the U.S. Department of Education to dismantle ERIC. We have until May 9 to communicate with our senators, representatives, and policy-makers. Please see <http://www.lib.msu.edu/corby/education/doe.htm> for information.