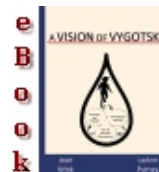


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Hello Friends, in this issue of *WinkWorld*, I will share:

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The Bilingual Advantage by Claudia Deifus

A cognitive neuroscientist, Ellen Bialystok has spent almost 40 years learning about how bilingualism sharpens the mind. Her good news: Among other benefits, the regular use of two languages appears to delay the onset of Alzheimer's disease symptoms. Dr. Bialystok, 62, a distinguished research professor of psychology at York University in Toronto, was awarded a \$100,000 Killam Prize last year for her contributions to social science. We spoke for two hours in a Washington hotel room in February and again, more recently, by telephone. An edited version of the two conversations follows.

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/31/science/31conversation.html?_r=2&nl=todaysheadlines&emc=tha210

Our School Are Not Broken: The Problem is Poverty

By Steve Krashen.

Thank you to Lewis and Clark College for awarding Steve a much deserved Doctor of HUMANE Letters! Humane, indeed! Anyone who works as tirelessly for kids more than deserves this *humane* award.

http://susanohanian.org/show_yahoo.php?id=662

Here is the published text of Steve's commencement address; this is the complete version, plus the citations.

<http://www.substancenews.net/articles.php?page=2319&ion=Article>

Also available here:

<http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2011/Krashen-poverty-060511.pdf>

However, the following video clip by Maureen Downey of the Atlantic Journal Constitution is better and funnier. Enjoy.

<http://bit.ly/jo9xT4>

Sir Ken Robinson

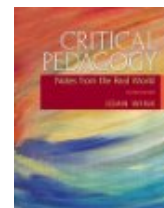
www.sirkenrobinson.com

I have previously shared some of Robinson's work. Here is my present favorite: *What Motivates Us?*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6XAPnuFjJc&feature=shareoYongZhao>

César Chávez Elementary School Favorite Books To Read This Summer

The César Chávez Library Media Teacher, Nadine Pinkerton, my friend and mother of Jonathan in *Critical Pedagogy: Notes from the Real World* created these lists of students'



Critical Pedagogy
Joan Wink



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favorite "picks" for good books to read. Thank you, Nadine and students.

First, check out this school in Davis, CA.

<http://www.djUSD.k12.ca.us/cesarchavez/>

Second, here is the library.

<http://www.djUSD.k12.ca.us/CesarChavez/library.html>

Third, here are the two lists of kids' favorite "picks" of books to read.

Books in Spanish

http://www.djUSD.k12.ca.us/CesarChavez/pdffiles/rec_span_11.pdf

Books in English

http://www.djUSD.k12.ca.us/CesarChavez/pdffiles/rec_bks_11.pdf

FmF (Featuring My Friends)

Tips on Tech from Brian Briggs

I have known Brian since he was teeny-bopper running in and out of our house with our son, Bo. After teaching for a few years, Brian is now Ed Tech person at a school district.

<http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2011/Briggs-0611.pdf>

In addition, Brian shares what Kevin, his almost 12 year old son is doing this summer with the computer.

Animoto <http://animoto.com/>

Scratch <http://scratch.mit.edu/>

Stencyl will be next, <http://www.stencyl.com/>

Thanks, Brian.

Brian Briggs

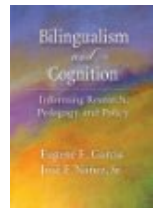
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Eugene E. García, ...



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Mennonite in a Little Black Dress: A Memoir of Going Home by Rhoda Janzen

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Books For Teachers *Bilingualism and Cognition: Informing Research, Pedagogy, and Policy*

by Eugene E. García and José E. Nájuez

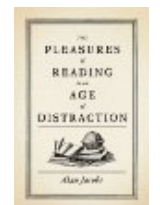
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Barbara Lovejoy of Utah has generously shared her review with us. Thank you Barbara.

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<http://www.joanwink.com/fvr.php>





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Lucy Rose

New Angels

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Notes from the Real World

Loves Stones by Dawn Wink

Originally published in *Tumbleweeds*, Summer 2011, Santa Fe, NM

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Prairie Pedagogy

The prairies come to life in the spring and summer. On one of my morning walks, I almost stepped on 3 little killdeer bird eggs in the grass. I missed them by inches, and the mama couldn't even do her little drag-one-wing-and-try-to-lure-me-another-direction. No time. So she just starting attacking my boots. Within 3 more minutes of walking, I came upon a mama antelope who had just given birth. The mama just walked straight towards me with her little hiss-snort, and she stayed with me for another 10 minutes. Eventually, I got over to our little band of 1 and 2 year old colts, who surrounded me and walked with me.

Here are photos from another walk: Jeanie's new baby

Wyatt, 15, Luke, 13, Wynn, almost 12, and Erin 12, a friend, are here with us. In addition, Julie from CA is here.

We mowed and mowed.



We rowed and rowed.



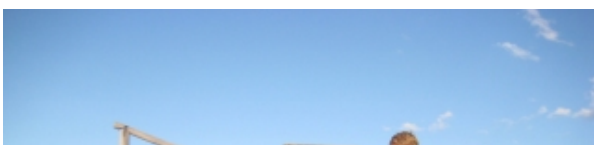
We smiled and smiled.



We pulled and pulled. the pump



We rode and rode.

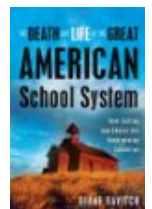
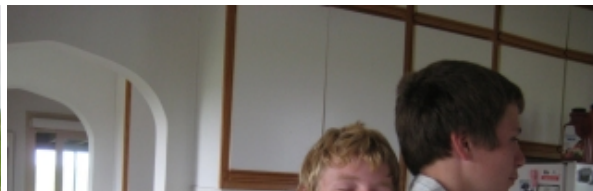




We ran and ran.



We hugged and hugged.



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Diane Ravitch





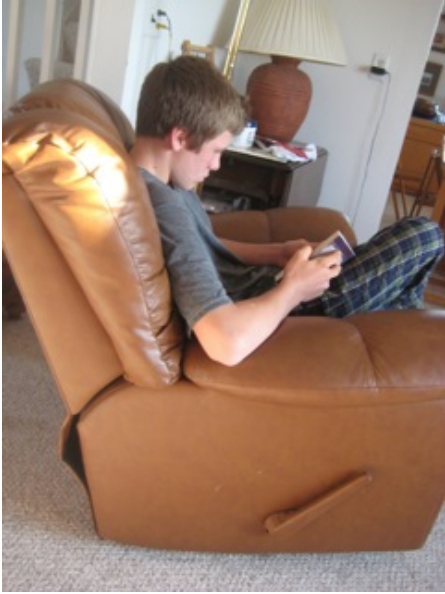
We ate and ate.
This was lunch (a.k.a., dinner in prairie-ese).



We hiked and hiked.

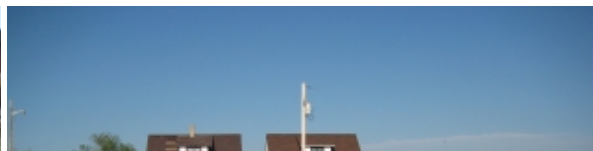
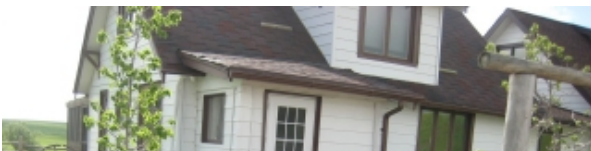


We read and read.



We washed and washed.

We loved and loved our horses.





We drew and drew (cards for every chore).



We took lots of photos.



Our horses stepped over a sleeping baby fawn.



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<http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B001I9VWRC>

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