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SCIENCE NOTES

Teaching for Thinking: Creativity in the Classroom

Teaching for Thinking: Creativity in the Classroom is a new video series in teaching/professional development designed to help teachers produce more creative student thinking. This new series from the Agency for Instructional Technology, which both explores theory and investigates classroom practice, is aimed at middle-school and high-school teachers of all subjects. Each of the twelve 30-minute programs features an interview with a guest expert and several visits to actual classrooms where master teachers employ specific creativity-enhancing techniques.

Language arts, social studies and science classes are visited in the programs, which deal with a variety of topics such as divergent and convergent thinking, metaphor and analogy, problem solving/decision making, psychologically safe classrooms, and the enhancement of writing skills.

Teaching for Thinking: Creativity in the Classroom was produced for the University of Wisconsin Extension by WHA Television, Madison, Wisconsin, with support from the U.S. Office of Education. It is available on broadcast videotape and in all videocassette formats. A study guide accompanies the series, and a book of readings is also available.

Each program from *Teaching for Thinking: Creativity in the Classroom* can be purchased for \$180, or the series of twelve programs is available for \$1,850. Previews will be provided to prospective purchasers in the United States at no charge except return postage. Conditions for international preview are available from the Agency for Instructional Technology.

The programs can be leased for broadcast, cable, and video duplications by schools, public television stations and other educational agencies. Rates are also available for noneducational agencies upon request. International prices for video materials in the PAL or SECAM standards are available from the Agency for Institutional Technology.

Further description plus details about preview, purchase and leasing arrangements can be obtained from the Agency for Instructional Technology, Box A, Bloomington, IN 47402, or by calling (800) 457-4509 or (812) 339-2203.

Illustrated Selectory of Astronomy Materials

A 16-page illustrated selectory of materials about astronomy is available from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. Each listed item was selected for inclusion for its scientific and educational value as well as for its visual appeal. Some items are being made available at a discount rate and many are produced and distributed exclusively by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Included in the 1986 Selectory are slides, posters, charts, computer software, tapes, observing aids and information packets about a variety of astronomical topics.

To obtain a copy, send a legal-sized self-addressed envelope with two first class stamps on it to: Selectory Request Dept., Astronomical Society of the Pacific, 1290 24th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122.

— K.L.C.