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New AVKO Weekly Curriculum Planning Guide!

Check out the new AVKO curriculum planning guide we have made to show you how to incorporate AVKO's language arts materials in a week.

[Read the Article](#)

Learn About Blogging and Social Networking

Not sure what blogging is or how it would benefit you? Read our new Beginner's Guide to Social Networking for Educators:

Social networking sites like

Dear AVKO Subscriber:

Get connected to all of the resources available via the internet with our beginner's guide to social networking sites for homeschoolers and school educators. Learn about our newest special and our newest resources in this newsletter. Keep reading!

There are many new features and resources available on the AVKO website; have you visited us lately? Take some time and browse the resources we have made available to you -- and send the links to those you think could use them too!

Read the newest AVKO articles on [Blogger](#).

Join the discussion and connect with friends on [Facebook](#).

Get the latest updates on what AVKO is up to on [Twitter](#).

Remember to forward this e-mail to someone who could use the information!

Creative and Daily Writing Exercises

Daily writing is vital for fluency in English and the ability to organize thoughts into the written word. [Read our latest blog post on the subject of daily writing for ideas and prompts for your daily writing exercises.](#) Don't forget to see [the AVKO weekly sample curriculum planning guide](#) either -- daily writing is an important part of it!

Binder-Ready Book Special and \$1 Pamphlets!

Binder-Ready AVKO Books:

For the month of April, buy any AVKO book (except *To Teach a Dyslexic* and *Sequential Spelling*) in the binder-ready format -- that is, without a 3-ring binder -- for \$5 cheaper. [Buy your new materials today!](#)

Reading and Spelling Pamphlets for Only a Buck!:

[Get your pamphlets today!](#)

MySpace, Facebook, Youtube, et al. have overtaken our culture and revolutionized the way that people interact with each other. As a homeschooler or school educator, there are many ways that you can take advantage of these new technologies and abilities to interact with others to your advantage. Everyone now has the ability to share their wisdom and opinions with the world in a way previously unknown. This "everyday" perspective can really be helpful when deciding on a new curriculum, finding resources, and learning about best practices. Use the technology to your advantage with this beginner's guide to blogging for homeschoolers. There are many resources available for learning how to blog and use other social networking sites; for now, I am going to ignore learning how to produce content on these sites. Rather, I'm going to focus on being an informed consumer of all of the social networking content available.

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Need Some Extra Cash? Earn Commissions from AVKO!

In this hard economic time, we could all use a little extra income. [Earn hearty commissions](#) every time you refer someone to become an AVKO member, convince a new bookstore or book-selling website to carry AVKO materials, or sell an AVKO material from your website or personal blog.

Reply to this e-mail for more information.

April's Book of the Month Special

This month, we are featuring [Starting at Square One](#). Teach reading, spelling, handwriting, and optional keyboarding all WHILE the alphabet is learned. Use this for K-1 students, ESL students, or for your older or learning disabilities students who need more help with phonemic awareness and/or word attack.

Members: \$17.95 (70.05% off = \$42.00 off!)

Non-Members: \$53.96 (10% off = \$5.99 off)

(Normally \$59.95)

2009 Homeschool Conferences

The spring and summer season is the time to start thinking about curriculum for the next school year. Homeschool conventions are a great way to see the latest materials, hear what others think about materials, and leaf through the materials before you commit to buying anything. We want to make sure that you have all of the resources you need to make the most of this 2009 conference season. See [AVKO's 2009 Conference Schedule](#) for information on where the conferences are, where you can find an AVKO vendor, and where you can hear Don McCabe speak.

Literacy Resources Available for Your Community

AVKO, as a non-profit organization devoted to the eradication of illiteracy and the problems associated with dyslexia, tries to provide as many resources as possible to help those who are passionate about literacy. AVKO has always held the affordability of our materials as a very high priority. Even with modest price increases of our titles over the years, our materials are the cheapest you will find. We have also always offered a whole host of free services, resources, and materials. Now, we are expanding our scope and providing free and reduced cost materials for community resource centers, libraries, homeschooling support groups, adult literacy groups, vocational training centers, and dyslexia/disability support centers with a

demonstrated need.

If you know of such a resource center in your community that could be helped by our materials, please respond to this e-mail. In light of the economic crises surrounding us, it is vital that education is maintained as a number one priority in our communities.

All materials (except *Sequential Spelling*) are available for free or reduced pricing.

Reminders from Last Time

Guest Bloggers Wanted for AVKO Blog:

Reply to this e-mail if you are interest in writing for the [AVKO Blog](#)

Watch our videos online:

Both the clips and full-length versions of our two free videos can now be streamed from the [AVKO Videos](#) page.

AVKO Needs Volunteers Like YOU!:

Looking for a way to [volunteer](#) and help others learn to read and spell? [Get involved!](#)

Discounts available for Clearance Items:

AVKO has many of our materials available for discounts of 40-55% off because they are previous editions, slightly damaged, or the books have since gotten a new binding/cover. View the [Clearance Items](#) today to get a steal!

Sincerely,

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