KU Alert Coronavirus Update Click here for more information.



How can we help? The landscape for teaching is changing rapidly due to public safety concerns surrounding COVID-19. We want to support you every step of the way and help you and your students succeed by giving you what you need. Please reach out to us at simpd@ku.edu to let us know if there's anything we can do for you.

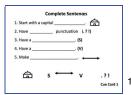
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Thank you to all the SIM Professional Developers and teachers who have worked tirelessly in recent days to transition to online learning platforms to continue to provide top-notch teaching and learning to students. In an effort to provide our SIM community with any of the materials they might need, we have put together Google SIM™ Teacher Resource Folders¹ that anyone can share to. Some resources we've collected include *Using a Digital Unit Organizer* and *Fund. of Sent. Writing Cue Cards.*

Call to action: SIM PDers, please contact simpd@ku.edu² with any resources you can share that will help teachers prepare for student use of SIM at home (note: the resources will not be vetted in order to share rapidly).







Thank you SIM Network for all that you do!

SIM Announcements

• New Math Manual Available: Addition Within 203, a new math learning strategy manual by authors Bradley Kafar and Margaret Flores is now available in the KUCRL online store4. This manual is for students who may have memorized some addition facts, but are not uent in addition facts with sums between 10 and 20, do not show an understanding of addition and its relation to subtraction, nor have enough number knowledge or flexibility to solve unknown addition problems. Check it out today!



• New SIM PD Resource links page: You may have noticed on the SIM website that there's a new tab on thetop. SIM <u>Professional Developer Resources</u>⁶ Thanks to Bonnie Matticks in Colorado for suggesting that we have one webpage with all the important links for SIM PDers, and thanks to Mona for making it happen!

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SIM: Tips & Tools

- Webquest: This webquest was developed to give SIM Professional Developers an opportunity to learn
 information about some of the available resources to which they have access. https://simville.ku.edu/webquest-20208
- StrateDirectory: We're not sure if everyone knows it, but the StrateDirectory ⁹is our go-to place here at The Center when we're looking for people to provide professional development when we get requests from teachers and schools. While we know not everyone is interested in doing PD on the side if they're already busy with day-to-day work, many people are. So, if you've had a job or address change or are interested in us referring work to you, please ⁹log in¹⁰ today¹¹ and update your information (and be sure to click on the "Edit Profile" section and let us know if we can **contact you** for:
 - Referrals,
 - Research opportunities,
 - Mentoring potential professional developers,
 - Mentoring teachers earning SIM badges,
 - Sharing SIM success stories, or
 - Tutoring.

Thanks!

SIM Stories

• An Interview with Jim Knight - Jocelyn Washburn, Director of Professional Development, KUCRL On February 14, 2020, I had the opportunity to interview Dr. Jim Knight¹² about the new book he and his colleagues at the Instructional Coaching Group¹³ published in December 2019, titled The Instructional Playbook: The Missing Link for Translating Research into Practice. Providing resources for teachers to help implement new teaching strategies is an essential part of an instructional coach's work, and an Instructional Playbook can be one of the most effective tools to



ensure that teachers reach the goals they set with their coach. Our interview includes a few audio clips to supplement the reading experience. Read $more^{14}$

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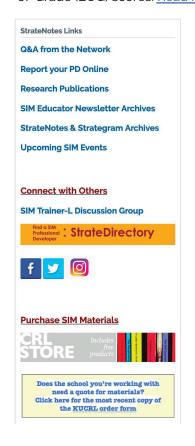
"What challenges in reading do teachers face in teaching their content at the secondary level?" This is the question I always ask my secondary teachers regardless of the content they teach. Almost always the following items appear on the list: can't read grade level texts, lack of vocabulary, can't determine main ideas and details, unable to connect ideas, lack of motivation. There are usually at least 20 other items on the list, but these are generally at the top of the list every time. Read more 15

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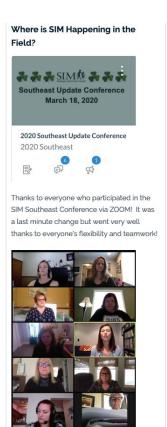


• North Carolina Success Story - Swain County Middle School - Amber Gilliam & Megan Lucas (NC)

16 Swain County Middle School is located in the Great Smoky Mountains, more
than 60 miles west of Asheville, NC. Many families struggle in this area due to
poverty and the limited resources available. However, Swain County Middle
School strives to rise above it all. Over the last several years through the
implementation of the Content Literacy Continuum (CLC), we have shown growth in our Reading Endof-Grade (EOG) scores. Read More 16



March 30 - May 1, 2020 Webinar Series: A Virtual Community of Practice to Support Virtual Coaching with SIM™ Interventions Apr. 6 - May 4, 2020 Spring Virtual SIM Update Conference June 17-18, 2020 - this conference is being rescheduled to a later date (TBA) Upper Midwest SIM Update Conference St. Cloud, MN Summer 2020 Potential Professional Developer Institutes - dates and times TBA



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