District 57 World Book eResource

Name: World Book Online Reference Center

Access Details: District Sites Should Have On-site Access

    Off Site Access: For at home passwords ask your school librarian

Available Tutorials: Online Video Tutorials and Training Guides are available from their main site, as well as within each section.

http://www.worldbookonline.com/training/html/webinars.htm
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Summary of Resource:

World Book Online Reference Center is a tool that you can use with elementary and secondary learners. Students can access the resource through the portal that is most appropriate for their age and reading ability.

The Early World of Learning contains three learning environments, each targeting a critical area of the development of young learners in early elementary grades.

Trek’s Travels offers narrated stories, interactive games, and original videos that teach critical early childhood themes, including numbers, shapes, colors, opposites, and more.

Welcome to Reading provides leveled reading practice to develop and strengthen phonics, vocabulary, phonemic awareness, and comprehension skills.

Know It is a child’s first online encyclopedia that provides a visual interactive encyclopedia with nonfiction topics of interest and importance to them.
World Book Kids, World Book Discover, World Book Student, and World Book Advanced are online encyclopedias designed to be used with different ages of users. They increase in the amount of language and complexity of text and site interface. A single search will return results containing articles, pictures and video. Users also have access to text-to-speech options, alternative language translations, dictionaries, atlases and ebooks, to name a few. L’Encyclopédie Découverte is the French language version and Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos is the Spanish language version.

The Dramatic Learning Web site provides original plays, skits, readers’ theatre, monologues, and adaptations of classic works. In addition, it gives ideas for how to apply these materials in the classroom. All plays are written at approximately a fourth through sixth grade reading level, but can be adapted for use by children of all ages. Dramatic Learning includes a step-by-step guide with video tutorials, vocabulary exercises to improve comprehension and reading fluency, writing activities to help children generate their own mini-scripts, research projects, and a dictionary. Editable versions of each play allow for further differentiation and customization.