

CHES Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2010
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Used Curriculum Swap- The meeting began with a short discussion on having a “used curriculum swap” at the end of the year. Modesto Home Educators do this annually, and have a successful method that we could imitate. Tricia commented on how wonderful this event is. This is an idea we will explore further.

Writing with Ease- Writing with Ease Level 4 is released in PDF format and the workbook will soon be released. The first 14 pages can be downloaded for free on peacehillpress.com. This level includes narration, dictation and original writing.

All levels are covered in the hardback book. The hardback book does not have consistent daily lessons like the workbook does. Each workbook provides a year of daily exercises.

To help us save money, tear out the student pages of work book and return the instruction book back to PACT.

Latin- Tricia Wynne, an independent vendor, will offer a Latin for Children A class to 15 PACT students 4th-8th beginning next Monday. In exchange for the use of a classroom to teach some private students, Tricia is offering her services at no cost to PACT to students who signed up for the Latin class previously and to those on a list generated at CHES meetings are first to be offered this class. Latin textbooks have been purchased with CHES funds. If spaces are available, Educational Advisors will be notified.

Lego Engineering Class- Linda Weiss from Playwell Technologies offers this class to homeschoolers. There was interest in possibly looking into parents funding this class if Ms. Weiss would be willing to teach it at PACT. Of course this would depend on classroom availability.

Teaching the Classics with Andrew Adams- Today we watched the lesson on Tales of Peter Rabbit which focused on Plot & Conflict. Discussion was initiated using the Socratic questions and a story map was completed. Parent/teachers were very interested in trying the lesson at home. Next month we will complete a lesson on Setting.

Agenda for Feb. 3 meeting:

- Math lesson – Dani will do a math lesson on teaching borrowing and place value with students. Students (of parents in attendance) in 1st/2nd grades are welcome to participate.
- Teaching the Classics-Setting
- Discussion on how to use the Socratic Method of questioning.