

.If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow.

John Dewey

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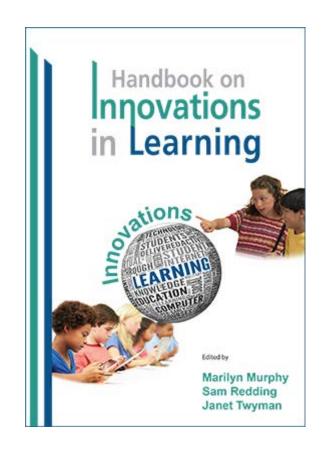
Dear Colleague,

Holiday greetings from the Center on Innovations in Learning.

The CIL team spent an energetic and productive two days at Temple University in Philadelphia during our annual retreat. The meeting helped CIL fine tune our work and set our direction for the coming year.

Many of you have been looking for resources pertaining to implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). In response to requests, we compiled a Solution-finding Report entitled *Common Core State Standards Practice Guides*. This report gathers information on various available practice guides and related topics to assist you with your work.

Don't forget to add *The Handbook on* Innovations in Learning to your holiday gift list. The Handbook ocuses on innovations both methodological and technological—in teaching and learning t hat promise to surpass standard practice in achieving learning outcomes for students. The chapters in this *Handbook* consider best practice from the perspective of topics emerging as priorities in education. Topics covered include personalized learning, online learning, implementation, instruction for students with disabilities and for English language learners, games in education, career and technical education, the use of data and data analytics to improve learning outcomes, local and state approaches to building a network of leaders of innovative practices. The whole book—as well as individual chapters—is available for free download at www.centeril.org; a hardcopy text will soon be published by Information Age, Inc.



Indistar News

Mark your 2014 Calendar: The fourth annual INDISTAR Summit will be held March 23–25th in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This annual event is open to teams from Indistar states and their regional comprehensive centers' representatives.

The CIL Team wishes you and your family a joyous holiday season and a happy and productive 2014!



Sincerely, *Marilyn Murphy*Director

