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**Numeracy in Authentic Contexts** - Maura Sellars 2017-10-25  
This book is based on the notion that there are

many ways in which mathematics learning can be achieved for students and that not all of them are focused on the mathematics classroom. It

explores the foundational numeracy principles of the non-mathematical subject areas and aligns these to the Australian numeracy-learning continuum. It demonstrates, in detail, the extent to which numeracy competencies underpin successful learning in all the subject areas of the curricula. It validates a focus of developing numeracy competencies through learning in the arts, science and other discipline areas with which school students to engage with in order to develop holistically, but which are not subjected to national assessment practices. It is developed around the notion of 'praxis', putting theory into practice in order to respond to the urgent need for students to be supported in their efforts to increase their numeracy capabilities in a world where extensive amounts of new information are often presented in graphical or data based formats. Additionally, it offers perspectives on developing all students' capacities to become numerate in school contexts and presents inclusive, differentiated lesson examples as an

alternative way of exploring numeracy in the context of teaching and learning in real-world classroom contexts.

**Literacy, Numeracy and Problem Solving in Technology-Rich Environments Framework for the OECD Survey of Adult Skills** - OECD  
2012-02-15

The Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) is an international assessment of adult skills. The assessment framework provides an agreed definition of what should be measured and guide the construction and interpretation of tasks included in the assessment.

**Early Literacy Matters** - Carol E. Canady  
2020-11-29

Early Literacy Matters is an innovative action guide for elementary school leaders and instructional coaches dedicated to accelerating literacy performance in the early grades, when prevention of reading difficulties matters most. As a unique father-daughter team with combined

expertise in literacy education and instructional leadership, the authors share best practices for literacy success. Readers will learn how to... establish and lead a literacy team, implement embedded professional development, utilize key assessments to frame daily instruction, and illustrate specific organizational and scheduling models needed to support systemic change based on the science of reading. Each chapter features reflection questions and explicit strategies and tools leaders can implement immediately in today's classrooms.

*The Twits* - Roald Dahl 2007-08-16

From the bestselling author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *The BFG!* Mr. and Mrs. Twit are the smelliest, nastiest, ugliest people in the world. They hate everything—except playing mean jokes on each other, catching innocent birds to put in their Bird Pies, and making their caged monkeys, the Muggle-Wumps, stand on their heads all day. But the Muggle-Wumps have had enough. They don't just want out, they want

revenge.

*Reflective Teaching in Higher Education* - Paul Ashwin 2020-02-20

*Reflective Teaching in Higher Education* is the definitive textbook for those wanting to excel at teaching in the sector. Informed by the latest research in this area, the book offers extensive support for those at the start of an academic career and career-long professionalism for those teaching in higher education. Written by an international collaborative author team of experts led by Paul Ashwin, *Reflective Teaching in Higher Education* offers two levels of support: - practical guidance for day-to-day teaching, covering key issues such as strategies for improving learning, teaching and assessment, curriculum design, relationships, communication, and inclusion - evidence-informed 'principles' to aid understanding of how theories can effectively inform teaching practices, offering ways to develop a deeper understanding of teaching and learning in

higher education In addition to new case studies from a wider variety of countries than ever before, this new edition includes discussion of: - What is meant by 'agency' - Gender, ethnicity, disability and university teaching - Digital learning spaces and social media - Teaching career development for academics - Decolonising the curriculum - Assessment and feedback practices - Teaching excellence and 'learning gain' - 2015 UN General Assembly 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development reflectiveteaching.co.uk provides a treasure trove of additional support. It includes supplementary sector specific material to support for considering questions around society's educational aims, and much more besides.

*Children's Competencies Development in the Home Learning Environment* - Frank Niklas  
2021-08-02

Literacy and Numeracy Achievement - Victoria.

Office of the Auditor-General 2009

Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8 - National Research Council  
2015-07-23

Children are already learning at birth, and they develop and learn at a rapid pace in their early years. This provides a critical foundation for lifelong progress, and the adults who provide for the care and the education of young children bear a great responsibility for their health, development, and learning. Despite the fact that they share the same objective - to nurture young children and secure their future success - the various practitioners who contribute to the care and the education of children from birth through age 8 are not acknowledged as a workforce unified by the common knowledge and competencies needed to do their jobs well. Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8 explores the science of child development, particularly looking at implications

for the professionals who work with children. This report examines the current capacities and practices of the workforce, the settings in which they work, the policies and infrastructure that set qualifications and provide professional learning, and the government agencies and other funders who support and oversee these systems. This book then makes recommendations to improve the quality of professional practice and the practice environment for care and education professionals. These detailed recommendations create a blueprint for action that builds on a unifying foundation of child development and early learning, shared knowledge and competencies for care and education professionals, and principles for effective professional learning. Young children thrive and learn best when they have secure, positive relationships with adults who are knowledgeable about how to support their development and learning and are responsive to their individual

progress. *Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8* offers guidance on system changes to improve the quality of professional practice, specific actions to improve professional learning systems and workforce development, and research to continue to build the knowledge base in ways that will directly advance and inform future actions. The recommendations of this book provide an opportunity to improve the quality of the care and the education that children receive, and ultimately improve outcomes for children.

*Poverty and Literacy* - Nathalis Wamba  
2014-07-16

There is a mutual dependence between poverty and academic achievement, creative pedagogies for low-income pupils, school models that 'beat the odds', and the resiliency of low-income families dedicated to the academic success of their children. This book examines the connection between poverty and literacy, looking at the potential roles and responsibilities

of teachers, school administrators, researchers, and policymakers in closing the achievement gap and in reducing the effects of poverty on the literacy skill development of low-income children. There are numerous suggestions about how to improve schools so that they respond to the needs of low-income children; some argue for school reform, while others advocate social reform, and yet others suggest combining both educational reform and social reform. Without a strong foundation in literacy, children are all too often denied access to a rich and diverse curriculum. Reading and writing are passports to achievement in many other curricular areas, and literacy education plays an important role in moving people out of poverty toward greater self-sufficiency post-graduation. Schools and home environments share responsibility for literacy skill development; in school, literacy equals the acquisition of reading and writing skills, but it is also a social practice key to social mobility. The achievement gap between low-

income, middle-class, and upper middle-class students illustrates the power of socioeconomic factors outside school. This book was originally published as two special issues of *Reading & Writing Quarterly: Overcoming Learning Difficulties*.

*Numeracy Across the Curriculum* - Merrilyn Goos 2020-07-16

Being numerate involves more than mastering basic mathematics. Numeracy connects the mathematics learned at school with out-of-school situations that require capabilities such as problem solving, critical judgment, and sense-making related to non-mathematical contexts. This book provides prospective and practising teachers with practical, research-based strategies for embedding numeracy across the primary and secondary school curriculum. Based on the authors' ten-year research program, the text explains what numeracy is and how numeracy has developed as an educational goal. It describes in detail the five dimensions of the

authors' model: attention to real-life contexts; application of mathematical knowledge; use of physical, representational and digital tools; the promotion of positive dispositions towards the use of mathematics to solve problems encountered in day-to-day life; and a critical orientation to interpreting mathematical results and making evidence-based judgements. There is guidance on how to embed numeracy across all subjects within the curriculum, how to assess numeracy learning and how to deal with challenges and dilemmas including working with discipline boundaries and developing support resources. Featuring practical examples and case studies throughout, this book will build pre-service teacher confidence, demystify common misconceptions and grounds theory into practice in this vital area of student competency. 'The authors of this text are recognised authorities on numeracy. They have engaged heavily in numeracy research over many years and this text reflects the depth of their understanding

and knowledge.' - Geoff Hilton, University of Queensland

*Reading to Young Children* - Guyonne Kalb\$aut\$!3584296411 2013

### **School, Family, and Community**

**Partnerships** - Joyce L. Epstein 2018-07-19  
Strengthen family and community engagement to promote equity and increase student success!  
When schools, families, and communities collaborate and share responsibility for students' education, more students succeed in school. Based on 30 years of research and fieldwork, this fourth edition of a bestseller provides tools and guidelines to use to develop more effective and equitable programs of family and community engagement. Written by a team of well-known experts, this foundational text demonstrates a proven approach to implement and sustain inclusive, goal-oriented programs. Readers will find: Many examples and vignettes Rubrics and checklists for implementation of plans CD-ROM

complete with slides and notes for workshop presentations

### **Early Childhood Literacy and Numeracy - 2007**

This publication "provides information on the latest thinking about concept formation and presents three professional learning workshops for staff working with young children"--Back cover.

Health Literacy - Institute of Medicine  
2004-06-29

To maintain their own health and the health of their families and communities, consumers rely heavily on the health information that is available to them. This information is at the core of the partnerships that patients and their families forge with today's complex modern health systems. This information may be provided in a variety of forms ranging from a discussion between a patient and a health care provider to a health promotion advertisement, a consent form, or one of many other forms of

health communication common in our society. Yet millions of Americans cannot understand or act upon this information. To address this problem, the field of health literacy brings together research and practice from diverse fields including education, health services, and social and cultural sciences, and the many organizations whose actions can improve or impede health literacy. Health Literacy: Prescription to End Confusion examines the body of knowledge that applies to the field of health literacy, and recommends actions to promote a health literate society. By examining the extent of limited health literacy and the ways to improve it, we can improve the health of individuals and populations.

### **Numeracy as Social Practice** - Keiko Yasukawa 2018-05-01

Learning takes place both inside and outside of the classroom, embedded in local practices, traditions and interactions. But whereas the importance of social practice is increasingly

recognised in literacy education, Numeracy as Social Practice: Global and Local Perspectives is the first book to fully explore these principles in the context of numeracy. The book brings together a wide range of accounts and studies from around the world to build a picture of the challenges and benefits of seeing numeracy as social practice- that is, as mathematical activities embedded in the social, cultural, historical and political contexts in which these activities take place. Drawing on workplace, community and classroom contexts, Numeracy as Social Practice shows how everyday numeracy practices can be used in formal and non-formal maths teaching and how, in turn, classroom teaching can help to validate and strengthen local numeracy practices. At a time when an increasingly transnational approach is taken to education policy making, this book will appeal to development practitioners and researchers, and adult education, mathematics and numeracy teachers, researchers and policy

makers around the world.

[Early Learning and Child Well-being in the United States](#) - OECD 2020-03-12

This report sets out the findings from the International Early Learning and Child Well-being Study in the United States. The study assesses children's skills across both cognitive and social-emotional development, and how these relate to children's early learning experiences at home and in early childhood education and care.

*Becoming the Math Teacher You Wish You'd Had* - Tracy Zager 2017

Readers, be warned: you are about to fall in love. Tracy writes, "Good math teaching begins with us." With those six words, she invites you on a journey through this most magnificent book of stories and portraits...This book turns on its head the common misconception of mathematics as a black-and-white discipline and of being good at math as entailing ease, speed, and correctness. You will find it full of color,

possibility, puzzles, and delight...Let yourself be drawn in. Elham Kazemi, professor, math education, University of Washington While mathematicians describe mathematics as playful, beautiful, creative, and captivating, many students describe math class as boring, stressful, useless, and humiliating. In *Becoming the Math Teacher You Wish You'd Had*, Tracy Zager helps teachers close this gap by making math class more like mathematics. Tracy spent years with highly skilled math teachers in a diverse range of settings and grades. You'll find this book jam-packed with new thinking from these vibrant classrooms. You'll grapple with big ideas: How is taking risks inherent to mathematics? How do mathematicians balance intuition and proof? How can teachers value both productive mistakes and precision? You'll also find dozens of practical teaching techniques you can try in your classroom right away-- strategies to stimulate students to connect ideas; rich tasks that encourage students to wonder,

generalize, conjecture, and persevere; routines to teach students how to collaborate. All teachers can move toward increasingly authentic, delightful, robust mathematics teaching and learning for themselves and their students. This important book helps us develop instructional techniques that will make the math classes we teach so much better than the math classes we took.

*Early Numeracy* - Robert J Wright 2006-01-05  
'Unlike many books based on research work this book doesn't just let teachers know what is going wrong with children's learning it actually gives some practical advice about what to do next. The whole book is based upon extensive observation and recording of individual children and their difficulties with mathematics. These children are the most difficult to plan for in a busy classroom and the authors appreciate the small steps and the different learning styles approaches needed for these children. This approach fits well with the NNS wave and

springboard materials but takes the analysis of the individual's difficulties to a more detailed level. The book brings together research carried out across a range of countries and therefore shows the versatility of the approaches taken. This will be a very useful book for trainee teachers as it exemplifies how to use assessment to feed into teaching. It will be helpful for class teachers and mathematics co-ordinators as well as SENCOs to assist in improving the teaching and learning for specific children in our schools' - Mary Briggs, Primary and Early Years PGCE Co-ordinator, Institute of Education, University of Warwick 'This is a highly practical resource that will be appreciated by classroom and specialist teachers alike. It will provide teachers new to the Math Recovery program with practical help and support to diagnose errors and misconceptions in early numeracy. Practicing Math Recovery Specialists will be thrilled with the addition of four new highly focused assessments and an elaboration of the

Learning Framework in Number. Early Numeracy is admirably grounded in international research and well-established theory, characteristics that are much sought after in the current data driven educational environment. Like many others, I was drawn to Math Recovery after reading the first edition of Early Numeracy. This second edition is a treasure - it is exciting to consider the impact it will have on children and teachers, and to the growth of the Math Recovery program' - Audrey Murray, Lead Teacher, Midwest Math Recovery Training Center, Minneapolis This text has been fully updated to include developments and refinements brought about by widespread international application of the assessment tools in the Mathematics Recovery Programme. The book will help practitioners to identify and provide detailed analyses of all children but especially those who are able and those who underachieve in early numeracy. It will enable teachers, learning support personnel, numeracy

consultants and educational psychologists to advise colleagues and parents on children's number knowledge and strategies for early numeracy. The Mathematics Recovery Programme has been successfully applied in Australia, the United Kingdom and Ireland, the United States and Canada, both in specialist interventions and classroom settings. The revised version shows how familiarisation with, and understanding of, the diagnostic assessment tools has allowed teachers to become more knowledgeable in understanding children's difficulties and misconceptions, and more skilled and confident in planning programmes of intervention and monitoring the children's progress. This new edition includes: - Integrated frameworks of useful tasks for assessing children's number knowledge and strategies; - Four separate and revised diagnostic assessment interviews; - Assessments for addition and subtraction strategies, Base Ten Arithmetical strategies, Early Grouping strategies, and

Advanced Grouping strategies in the four operations; - How the assessment process has impacted significantly on teachers' professional development and contributed to the raising of standards in early numeracy.

**Building Mathematical Comprehension: Using Literacy Strategies to Make Meaning** - Sammons, Laney 2017-03-01

Apply familiar reading comprehension strategies and relevant research to mathematics instruction to aid in building students' comprehension in mathematics. This resource demonstrates how to facilitate student learning to build schema and make connections among concepts. In addition, it provides clear strategies to help students ask good questions, visualize mathematics, and synthesize their understanding. This resource is aligned to College and Career Readiness Standards.

**Anti-Bias Education for Young Children and Ourselves** - Louise Derman-Sparks 2020-04-07  
Anti-bias education begins with you! Become a

skilled anti-bias teacher with this practical guidance to confronting and eliminating barriers.

**Science Literacy** - National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2016-10-14  
Science is a way of knowing about the world. At once a process, a product, and an institution, science enables people to both engage in the construction of new knowledge as well as use information to achieve desired ends. Access to science—whether using knowledge or creating it—necessitates some level of familiarity with the enterprise and practice of science: we refer to this as science literacy. Science literacy is desirable not only for individuals, but also for the health and well-being of communities and society. More than just basic knowledge of science facts, contemporary definitions of science literacy have expanded to include understandings of scientific processes and practices, familiarity with how science and scientists work, a capacity to weigh and evaluate

the products of science, and an ability to engage in civic decisions about the value of science. Although science literacy has traditionally been seen as the responsibility of individuals, individuals are nested within communities that are nested within societies—and, as a result, individual science literacy is limited or enhanced by the circumstances of that nesting. Science Literacy studies the role of science literacy in public support of science. This report synthesizes the available research literature on science literacy, makes recommendations on the need to improve the understanding of science and scientific research in the United States, and considers the relationship between scientific literacy and support for and use of science and research.

[Implicit Pedagogy for Optimized Learning in Contemporary Education](#) - Jurka Lepicnik Vodopivec 2018-04-27

"This book explores microelements in education that have an impact on whole vertical education,

critically explaining, resolving and confirming the most effective theories and practices. Various social, psychological, philosophical and educational areas are uniquely apprehended aiming to develop deeper understanding complexity of education in future"--  
Literacy and health outcomes -

**Early Literacy Skills Builder** - 2010-09-01  
Apply the "science" of reading to students with moderate-to-severe developmental disabilities, including autism. The Early Literacy Skills Builder program incorporates systematic instruction to teach both print and phonemic awareness. ELSB is a multi-year program with seven distinct levels and ongoing assessments so students progress at their own pace. Five years of solid research have been completed through the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, proving ELSB to be a highly effective literacy program and more effective than a sight-word only program. ELSB is based upon the principles

of systematic and direct instruction. It incorporates scripted lessons, least-prompt strategies, teachable objectives, built-in lesson repetition, and ongoing assessments. The seven ELSB levels contain five structured lessons each. All students begin at Level 1. If a student struggles here, go back and administer Level A. Instruction is one-on-one or in small groups. Teach scripted lessons daily in two 30-minute sessions. On the completion of each level, formal assessments are given. ELSB includes everything you need to implement a multi-year literacy curriculum.

**PISA for Development Assessment and Analytical Framework Reading, Mathematics and Science** - OECD 2018-09-25  
"What is important for citizens to know and be able to do?" The OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) seeks to answer that question through the most comprehensive and rigorous international assessment of student knowledge and skills. As

more countries join its ranks, PISA ...

*Integrating Literacy and Math* - Ellen Fogelberg  
2013-10-15

Many K-6 teachers--and students--still think of mathematics as a totally separate subject from literacy. Yet incorporating math content into the language arts block helps students gain skills for reading many kinds of texts. And bringing reading, writing, and talking into the math classroom supports the development of conceptual knowledge and problem solving, in addition to computational skills. This invaluable book thoroughly explains integrated instruction and gives teachers the tools to make it a reality. Grounded in current best practices for both language arts and math, the book includes planning advice, learning activities, assessment strategies, reproducibles, and resources, plus a wealth of examples from actual classrooms.

*Teaching Numeracy* - Margie Pearse 2011-03-23  
Transform mathematics learning from “doing” to “thinking” American students are losing ground

in the global mathematical environment. What many of them lack is numeracy—the ability to think through the math and apply it outside of the classroom. Referencing the new common core and NCTM standards, the authors outline nine critical thinking habits that foster numeracy and show you how to: Monitor and repair students’ understanding Guide students to recognize patterns Encourage questioning for understanding Develop students’ mathematics vocabulary Included are several numeracy-rich lesson plans, complete with clear directions and student handouts.

**Quantitative Literacy** - Bernard L. Madison  
2003

*Teaching Reading in the Content Areas* - Rachel Billmeyer 1998

Discusses the premises that guide the teaching of reading in content areas, the vast array of reading strategies available, and how to use this information to impact all learners.

## **Community-based Rehabilitation** - World

Health Organization 2010

Volume numbers determined from Scope of the guidelines, p. 12-13.

## **Literacy in Society** - Geoffrey Williams 1996

The thought-provoking papers in this volume address some of the key aspects of the controversial debate about literacy in our society from the perspective of a language-based theory of learning.

## The Daily 5 - Gail Boushey 2006

Describes the philosophy of the Daily 5 teaching structure and includes a collection of literacy tasks for students to complete daily.

## Meaningful Differences in the Everyday Experience of Young American Children - Betty Hart 2018-05

More widely cited than ever before, this book presents findings on the disparities in daily interactions between parents and children of different socioeconomic backgrounds and the effect of these disparities on children's

vocabulary and later intellect.

## *Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education* - Janet Fellowes 2014

Language, Literacy and Early Childhood

Education is also available as an

ebook. Language, Literacy and Early Childhood

Education is a comprehensive textbook for pre-service and practising educators. Focusing on language and literacy development and learning

in children from birth to the age of eight, the

book encompasses four main early childhood

settings: the family and community, childcare,

the preschool years, and the early years of

school. Making explicit links to the Early Years

Learning Framework and the Australian

Curriculum, this text is based on current

research and theoretical perspectives, and

includes practical strategies and activities to

equip educators with the knowledge and skills

they need to effectively support young children's

learning of language and literacy. Key

Features Emphasis on the key areas of oral

language, reading, writing and children's literature Clearly presented links to the Early Years Learning Framework and the Australian Curriculum Toolboxes of teaching strategies and ideas that can be implemented in a range of settings Review questions and activities for each topic, to encourage self-assessment. New to this edition Appendix A: Compendium of Teaching Strategies and Activities for Language and Literacy Appendix B: Test Your Language and Literacy Knowledge Pause and reflect sections: questions to prompt readers to stop and reflect on important topics Professional insights features: relevant examples from theory, research and practice Additional learning activities and questions to promote deeper understanding and improved practice New references to international research in all chapters Additional material on children from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds Coverage of contemporary trends in literacy education such as visual literacy,

multimodal and digital literacy Revised chapters on ICT and Children's Literature.

Numeracy as Social Practice - Alan Rogers  
2018-04-26

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*Health Literacy and Numeracy* - Institute of Medicine 2014-07-17

Although health literacy is commonly defined as an individual trait, it does not depend on the skills of individuals alone. Health literacy is the product of the interaction between individuals' capacities and the health literacy-related demands and complexities of the health care system. Specifically, the ability to understand, evaluate, and use numbers is important to making informed health care choices. *Health Literacy and Numeracy* is the summary of a workshop convened by The Institute of Medicine

Roundtable on Health Literacy in July 2013 to discuss topics related to numeracy, including the effects of ill health on cognitive capacity, issues with communication of health information to the public, and communicating numeric information for decision making. This report includes a paper commissioned by the Roundtable, "Numeracy and the Affordable Care Act: Opportunities and Challenges," that discusses research findings about people's numeracy skill levels; the kinds of numeracy skills that are needed to select a health plan, choose treatments, and understand medication instructions; and how providers should communicate with those with low numeracy skills. The paper was featured in the workshop and served as the basis of discussion.

**Financial Numeracy in Mathematics Education** - Annie Savard 2021-08-27

This book presents the important role of mathematics in the teaching of financial education. Through a conceptualization of financial numeracy as a social practice, it

focuses on the teaching practices, resources, and needs of secondary mathematics teachers (grades 7-12) to incorporate financial concepts in their classes. The editors and authors bring forth a novel perspective regarding mathematics education in the digital era. By focusing on financial numeracy, a key component of skills required in the digital era, they discuss important issues related to the teaching and learning of mathematics and finance. In contrary to most research in the field of financial education coming from scholars in areas such as business, accounting, management and economics, this book introduces the contribution of researchers from the field of education to the debate. The book appeals to an international audience composed of researchers, stakeholders, policymakers, teachers, and teacher educators.

*Principles of Effective Literacy Instruction, Grades K-5* - Seth A. Parsons 2021-05-11

What are the principles that every elementary

teacher must learn in order to plan and adapt successful literacy instruction? This concise course text and practitioner resource brings together leading experts to explain the guiding ideas that underlie effective instructional practice. Each chapter reviews one or more key principles and highlights ways to apply them flexibly in diverse classrooms and across grade levels and content areas. Chapters cover core instructional topics (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension); high-quality learning environments; major issues such as assessment, differentiation, explicit instruction, equity, and culturally relevant pedagogy; and the importance of teachers' reflective practice and lifelong learning.

*Best Practices in Early Literacy Instruction* - Diane M. Barone 2013-09-04

Bringing together prominent scholars, this book shows how 21st-century research and theory can inform everyday instructional practices in early

childhood classrooms (PreK-3). Coverage includes foundational topics such as alphabet learning, phonological awareness, oral language development, and learning to write, as well as cutting-edge topics such as digital literacy, informational texts, and response to intervention. Every chapter features guiding questions; an overview of ideas and findings on the topic at hand; specific suggestions for improving instruction, assessment, and/or the classroom environment; and an engrossing example of the practices in action.

### **Improving Learning In Uganda, Volume 2 -**

Innocent Mulindwa Najjumba 2013-03-04

The Uganda school system has expanded over the years resulting from mass education reforms at the primary - since 1997, and the lower secondary level - since 2007. This has enabled provision of key inputs to schools by Government which include tuition, trained teachers, school infrastructure, and learning materials. The curriculum for the primary level was also

reviewed. However, completion rates and learning outcomes are still low which points to inefficiency and low quality of education provided. Current discourse on education is focused on the need to improve efficiency and quality of education. This study is therefore, an attempt to provide a comprehensive analysis of learning outcomes and teacher effectiveness, drawing from the nationally owned and multi-year assessment data sets for Uganda between 2006-2011. This book provides some answers to questions like: What are the performance levels of learners over the years? What are the curriculum areas that learners find most difficult as measured by their performance and have these been the same over the years? What determines learners' performance? What is the content knowledge level of the teachers? What are the teacher characteristics that determine learners' performance? How effective are the teachers? Guidance on next steps is also provided. The main contribution of this book is

three fold: (a) It explores learners' performance by curriculum area; (b) It links learners' performance with teachers' competency levels by curriculum content area, making it one of the very few materials available in the Africa region. It therefore, amplifies the importance of focusing on what learners find a problem in the teaching-learning process in the quest for

quality. The findings also reveal that teacher effectiveness is very low and efforts to improve instructional methods have to be prioritized by Government; and (c), it provides insights on the various dimensions to the education quality and efficiency challenge that many developing countries are grappling with today, and the depth of analysis that have to be undertaken.