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**January, 2006**

## **I. Teachers and Teaching**

### 1. [Groups Press for Math Initiative](#)

*Tuesday, January 31, 2006, Cincinnati Enquirer*

Business and science groups are reviving images of the Cold War space race in an effort to persuade lawmakers to spend millions to recruit and train high-caliber math teachers.

### 2. [New Certificate of Bilingual Teachers for China](#)

*Monday, January 09, 2006, Beijing Youth Daily*

China shall use the Certificate of Bilingual Teachers model developed by British education institute, and plan to issue this certificate to some trial schools by the end of 2006. It is not yet decided if this certificate should be used as a requirement for the bilingual teachers.

### 3. [Environmental Education Network for Our World](#)

Environmental Education Network for the World is a bilingual website providing environmental education resources for activists, teachers and students both in the US and in China. It aims at increasing access to environmental education resources worldwide, and promoting the professional development of environmental education.

## **II. Learners and Learning**

### 1. [New Tactic: Freshman Boot Camp](#)

*Monday, January 30, 2006, Los Angeles Times*

The Los Angeles Unified School District created the academic boot camp, called the Freshman Success Summer Bridge, at eight San Fernando Valley high schools last year. It is designed for incoming students with low English or math scores.

2. [Maryland Freshmen to Shift Out of Algebra 1](#)

*Monday, January 16, 2006, Washington Post*

At least 2,500 ninth-graders in Prince George's will move from a standard one-year algebra course into a two-year program this week.

### **III. Leaders and Leadership**

1. [Lines Are Drawn in Fight to Add Charter Schools](#)

*Monday, January 09, 2006, New York Times*

The battle over expanding the number of charter schools allowed in New York State will enter a decisive stage this week.

2. [Pushing For Principals](#)

*Monday, January 2, 2006, New York Post*

Good schools come down to their principals. Four years ago, Mike Bloomberg set out to make a mark on New York's public schools, and he has succeeded - even though much remains to be done.

3. [High School New Curriculum shall Expand to Nine Provinces](#)

*Friday, January 20, 2006, Chinese Education Newspaper*

New high school curriculum shall be implemented in four provinces in 2006. Together with the previous five provinces, there will be nine provinces in China conducting the new high school curriculum reform. This is still the trial phase. These nine provinces will establish models for more provinces.

### **IV. Curriculum**

1. [High Scores Fail to Clear Obstacles to Knowledge is Power Program](#)

*Tuesday, January 31, 2006, Washington Post*

Despite its impressive record, administrators and policymakers respond slowly to the Knowledge Is Power Program's desire to expand.

2. [New Majors Set Up in Beijing Vocational Schools to Suit Olympics](#)

*Wednesday, January 18, 2006, CRIENGLISH.com*

Vocational high schools in Beijing are to create new majors in efforts to meet the Olympic demand. The Beijing News reports, these schools are aiming to train special technical skills, and thus offer new majors each year in order to meet the market demand.

### **V. Family and Community**

1. [Ways to Spend Quality Time with Your Children](#)

*Monday, January 09, 2006, Arizona Republic*

Schedule specific times on your calendar each week when you will spend time with your children.

2. [Early Childhood Education Course Set in Shanghai](#)

*Friday, January 20, 2006, Shanghai Daily*

An infant education course will be available to parents in Shanghai. The new program will receive official approval next month.

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