

# KDSL

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**Global  
Educational  
Consulting  
Services**

## **KDSL Values**

Knowledge  
Action  
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Relationships

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**KDSL is now online. The new weblog address is...**

<http://kdsl.wordpress.com>

## Two Powerful Quotes!

During this year I read two quotes related to education. The first one I encountered in July 2007 from the National Staff Development Council's statement of purpose. It read "every educator engages in effective professional learning every day so every student achieves." If I had my way I would add the word "everywhere" after educator so it is global in impact. The word EVERY is quite powerful in this mission statement. It speaks to ALL teachers, schools, districts, time, tasks, and of course students.

In May 2008 I read a Regional Educational Laboratory report entitled "Reviewing the evidence on how teacher professional development affects student achievement." In the report is a statement which I read over and over again. It confirms why KDSL was started and believes so much in teacher learning and its impact on what students know. The quote stated: "This report finds that teachers who receive substantial professional development – an average of 49 hours in the nine studies- can boost their students' achievement by about 21 percentile points." This report can be found on the Institute of Education Sciences web site at <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/projects/project.asp?id=70>.

Take a minute and think about both of these quotes. For me questions arise such as- If they were practiced would any child anywhere in the world be left behind? Do we take an EVERY approach as educators? Does what you learn transfer to the students in your classrooms or other professionals in your schools? My challenge to all is to take the EVERY approach everyday in everything you do.

In this issue you will find a new book which challenges what you say to children. It has been said that we can speak life or death to others. Are you a life speaker? Do you speak words of success and accomplishment to the students you serve? See page two for more information. Also on page two KDSL celebrates the accomplishments of two education branding clients who worked hard this past spring and dared to dream.

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Have you read a **powerful**  
education quote?”

If so, then e-mail it along with your name to [KDSL07@hotmail.com](mailto:KDSL07@hotmail.com)  
and it will be included in the August/September newsletter.

### **Project Completion:**

- America's Choice, Incorporated/Prince George's County, Maryland

### **Current Projects:**

- Office of the State Superintendent of Education /Office of School Improvement, Washington, D.C.
- One World Learning Curriculum Committee/ Washington, D.C.
- American Institutes for Research Social Studies Item Writer/Washington, D.C.

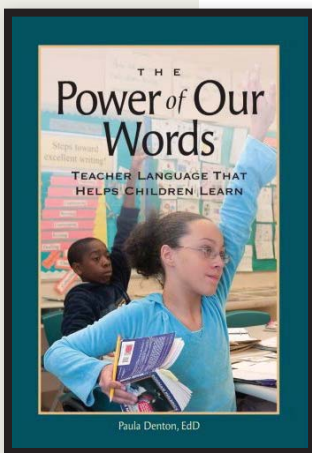
# New Book Look!

## The Power of Our Words: Teacher Language that Helps Children Learn

<http://www.responsiveclassroom.org/bookstore/ascdpowerofwords.html> (June 20, 2008)

Time and **words** can't be recalled, even if it was only yesterday.

—A Yiddish Proverb



Language may be a teacher's most powerful tool. Every day the words, phrases, tone, and pace you use have the power to help students develop self-control, build their sense of belonging, and gain skills and knowledge.

Full of practical tips, real life anecdotes, and concrete examples, this warm and thought-provoking guide includes specific suggestions about language to adopt and language to avoid.

Topics include:

- Using language to help children envision success
- Open-ended questions that stretch children's thinking
- Saying what you mean and meaning what you say

This book is backed by research and decades of effective practices in the elementary setting. The Power of Our Words offers ideas for beginning educators and support for the seasoned educator.

Read a new book you would like to share with educators? E-mail the title, a write up, and your name to KDSL07@hotmail.com.

### Education Branding Celebrations

This past spring KDSL worked with two education branding clients who will begin new adventures in 2008. Both sought careers in education beyond the classroom. One teacher will transition into a new role as a mathematics coach and another teacher has been appointed a Senior Account Executive on an Education Team.

***Congratulations and well wishes to these two who dared to take risks, dream, act, and achieve!***

Education Around the World  
Returning in the August/September 2008 newsletter.



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## Educational Consulting Services

Services are individualized and tailored to the needs of the schools, teachers, grade level teams, and student achievement data. KDSL firmly believes the best professional learning is ongoing and sustained. Therefore, schools must commit to working with KDSL one or more times each marking period throughout the academic year. No one shot deals.

- ▶ *Got History?*
- ▶ *Math that Works*
- ▶ *Assessment: The Remix*
- ▶ *Learning While Doing: Teachers as Readers*
- ▶ *Show Me Don't Tell Me: Modeling and co-teaching lessons*
- ▶ *Same, Same. Differentiate, Differentiate: Differentiating Instruction*
- ▶ *Follow the Curriculum Map Road: Curriculum Mapping, Planning, and Pacing*
- ▶ *Show me the Data! Accessing, analyzing, and acting on numbers*
- ▶ *Somebody's Watching Me: Peer observation and feedback*
- ▶ *Hands-on, Minds-on: Instructional Strategies that Work*
- ▶ *The Secret: Teacher Collaboration*

### Other Services Available:

- ▶ *Education Branding*
- ▶ *Curriculum Writing*
- ▶ *School Improvement Plans*
- ▶ *Instructional Walkthroughs*

*For complete consulting service descriptions, please e-mail [KDSL07@hotmail.com](mailto:KDSL07@hotmail.com).*