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Funding for foreign-language programs sometimes is not a national budget priority, suggests Amelia Friedman, founder of the Student Language Exchange. In this commentary, she reflects on lessons learned during a recent Capitol Hill language advocacy event and some language-learning challenges. [The Atlantic](#)

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A growing number of schools nationwide have adopted archery programs. In Washington, D.C., 33 traditional schools offered archery this year -- an increase from eight in 2009. Archery is an accessible sport that relies more on concentration than body type, said Roy Grimes, president of the National Archery in the Schools Program. [The Washington Post \(tiered subscription model\)](#) <<http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/gGuxCdwrpBCOm vbzCidWIJBWcNfqvl?format=multipart>> (5/8)

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Building the Habits of Close Reading to Support Comprehension
Close reading is a popular term in elementary education today and a requirement in the new ELA standards. Dr. D. Ray Reutzel, educator and ELA expert, discusses the importance of students' ability to independently comprehend challenging texts and develop the skills and habits of mind necessary to unpack deep, embedded meaning.

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The final version of the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium Standards -- a set of professional standards for school leaders -- is expected to be released this week. This article previews the standards drafted in part by the Council of Chief State School Officers, and some of the controversy surrounding the initiative. [Education Week \(tiered subscription model\)](#)

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Flipped lessons and Twitter chats provide alternate ways for co-teachers to take part in professional development, Anne Benninghof, special-education consultant and author, writes in this blog post. She lists eight ideas for co-teaching professional development and links to resources. [MiddleWeb](#)

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