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NEW RESOURCE TEACHES LITERACY SKILLS THROUGH THE DRAMATIC ARTS

(Toronto) — The Curriculum Foundation is pleased to release a new teaching resource, *Move Over Shakespeare: Playwriting in the Classroom*, developed by educators Jennifer Zwiers and Christine Harvey, recipients of a 2005 grant. *Move Over Shakespeare: Playwriting in the Classroom* integrates drama and language by providing a step-by-step process for writing a variety of dramatic presentations. These include monologues, soliloquies, dialogues, skits, and one-act plays. Teachers can download *Move Over Shakespeare* and many other free quality resources at our website, www.curriculum.org. Simply go to 'For Educators' on the tool bar, click 'Resource Centre', and then click on 'Free Teacher-Developed Resources'.

Move Over Shakespeare provides a unique and creative way for students to enhance their oral abilities through participation in improvisational activities, their literacy skills through peer editing, and their confidence by participation in dramatic activities. Each section of this resource contains fun activities, worksheets, and progressively challenging playwriting concepts. Units are self-contained and easily adaptable to the needs and skill levels of students Grades 4-10. Students will be inspired and empowered by the creative self-expression encouraged by *Move Over Shakespeare*.

Each year The Curriculum Foundation awards \$2,000 grants to Canadian educators for their unique resource proposals for critically-needed classroom resources. The Curriculum Foundation is the charitable arm of Curriculum Services Canada, the Pan-Canadian standards agency for quality assurance in learning products and programs. TCF is a registered charity that accepts donations to provide teachers with the necessary funding to develop critically needed learning resources that enrich learning for students.

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