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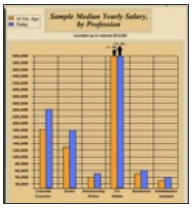
Classroom, Inc. Fall Happenings!

Common Core Standards Institute A recent study shows that half of high school graduates need remediation to handle the required reading in college, and the 25 fastest-growing professions have even greater literacy demands. **Classroom, Inc.'s Common Core Institute** arms teachers with the tools students need to master reading increasingly complex texts and also models ways to use our virtual internships to prepare students to be both college and career-ready. Our first Common Core Institute was held November 8th and earned tremendous praise: "I've learned so much ... what CCSS was and where it was heading in our school system, how it would affect our students as well as the importance of informational text, the reasoning behind it, the concept attainment and gentle reminders of how context clues are needed in reading." Contact Mary Strain, Vice President of Business Development, to learn more about how we can bring our program and CCSS professional development to your school.

New Vision for Summer Learning: Come Join Us! Classroom, Inc. is partnering with the National Summer Learning Association and school districts to develop a *New Vision for Summer Learning* (NVSL). If you are attending the *Summer Changes Everything* national conference in San Francisco next week, please contact Mary Strain about a special event we are hosting there.



The CCSS & Classroom, Inc.: Using Statistics Each of our virtual workplace simulations is a rich source of activities that are aligned with CCSS. For example, in *The Sports Network*, students in the role of Managing Director are faced with the difficult task of creating an editorial on the high salaries of professional athletes. To do this, they research salaries over time and the risks involved in that profession and others. These activities align well with the CCSS for math related to understanding statistics and probability for students in 7th and 8th grade.

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