

Multi-grade Resources

Helpful Resources:

1. Appendix B: Strategies for Making Time from the book *Failure is not an option* by Blankstein. [Offers excellent tips.] http://books.google.com/books?id=lgMxE9WAnuEC&pg=PA40&lpq=PA40&dq=strategies+for+making+time+blankstein&source=bl&ots=IBvdM7gDVZ&sig=rFH0RXUHd66CnVKPzOyNi1b10Aw&hl=en&ei=hdmATsyCI4G2twflkqHWCQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&sqi=2&ved=0CB0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=strategies%20for%20making%20time%20blankstein&f=false
2. The Advantages and Disadvantages of Multiage Classrooms in the Era of NCLB Accountability from the Center for Evaluation and Education Policy. <http://www.eric.ed.gov/PDFS/ED504569.pdf>
3. Parents' Views of Composite Classes in an Australian Primary School by Linley Cornish. [Offers help for getting your parents to buy-in to multi-grade classrooms.] <http://www.aare.edu.au/aer/online/0602h.pdf>
4. Mixed Blessings: Split-grade Classes (Trish Snyder). [Offers help for convincing parents.] http://www.todayparent.com/education/general/article.jsp?content=20050831_220604_4896&page=1
5. Split Decisions: The Reality of Combined-Grades in Ontario in 2001 (Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario). [Covers the issues for students, parents & teachers and addresses those issues.] <http://www.etfo.ca/Publications/PositionPapers/Documents/Split%20Decisions%20-%20The%20Reality%20of%20Combined%20Grades%20in%20Ontario%20in%202001.pdf>
6. From Teachers' Perspectives: The Social and Psychological Benefits of Multiage Elementary Classrooms (David Marshak). [Provides excellent quotations from students and teachers of multi-grade classrooms.] <http://eric.ed.gov/PDFS/ED376966.pdf>
7. Split-Grade Classrooms. [Blog offers some advice to teachers from other teachers.] <http://www.devstu.org/blogs/2011/03/2/split-grade-classrooms-revisited>
8. Combined Grades: Strategies to Reach a Range of Learners in Kindergarten to Grade 6 (published by the Ministry of Education in Ontario). [Covers a lot of planning basics including how to plan literacy and mathematics instruction.] <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/combined.pdf>
9. Parents Guide to a Combined Grade Classroom (Pell District School Board). [Gives information to help parents accept multi-grade and to help their children succeed in multi-grade classrooms; helpful information for creating your own brochure.] <http://peel.edu.on.ca/parents/facts/parentsguidetocombinedgradeclassroom.htm>
10. Building Support for Multiage Education (Joan Gaustad). [Communicating with and involving parents.] <http://eric.uoregon.edu/publications/digests/digest114.html>
11. Split Grade Classes 1. [Paper addresses principal support, parental support, classroom management, routines.] <http://thankyourteachers.blogspot.com/2008/10/split-grade-classes.html>
12. Implementing the Multiage Classroom. [Covers roles of teachers, administrators, principals.] <http://enc.org/simutis/goenc.files/content/graphics/FOC/004270/graphics/e0.pdf>
13. Teacher Helpline with Ruth Manna. [Blog contains a few helpful entries.] <http://community.scholastic.com/scholastic/board/message?board.id=emergency&message.id=1269>
14. Split-Grade and Multi-Age Classes: A Review of the Research and a Consideration of the B.C. Context [Includes reasons, advantages; reviews research; lots of help.] http://bctf.ca/uploadedfiles/publications/research_reports/2000ei02.pdf

15. An introduction to combined grades. [Brochure (Ontario) could be used as a model for creating your own.] <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/combinedClassrooms/combinedClassrooms.pdf>

Another brochure (Vancouver) <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/school-files/Resources/Combined%20Classes%202010.pdf>
16. Planning Time for Multi-grade Level Teachers (School Scheduling Associates). [Great help for scheduling planning time into the school day for multi-grade teachers. Includes a link to a sample schedule for one school.] <http://www.schoolschedulingassociates.com/notes/?p=8>
17. <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/combined-split-classes> [a public school's webpage with answers to parents' questions; explains/supports multi-grade classrooms]
18. <http://thecornerstoneforteachers.com/free-resources/your-teaching-scenario/combined-classmulti-grade-classes> [blog of tips for teachers of multi-grade classrooms]
19. <http://educationnorthwest.org/resource/1680> [multi-grade handbook in 7 parts; free to download]
20. <http://www.waldorflibrary.org/journals/22-research-bulletin/905-spring-2010-vol15-1-combined-grades-in-waldorf-schools-creating-classrooms-teachers-can-feel-good-about> [Attn: Waldorf is a specific type of multi-grade and we would disagree with some Waldorf philosophy of education; however the tips and research might be useful.]
21. http://pub.schoolwisepress.com/expert/images/combination_classes.pdf [teachers' views about combination classes]
22. <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/resource/research.pdf> [advantages/disadvantages, addresses concerns]
23. <http://westbayfield.edublogs.org/files/2013/09/A-parents-guide-to-a-combined-grade-classroom-1xc1dk6.pdf> [public school (Ontario) answers parents' concerns]
24. http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-03-14/news/ct-x-multi-grade-classes-20110314_1_multigrade-classes-mainstream-classes-grades-last-fall [recent article in the Chicago Tribune about multi-grade classrooms in suburban Chicago]

Additional possible resources:

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/PDFS/ED352110.pdf>

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/PDFS/ED309388.pdf>

<http://forums.atozteacherstuff.com/showthread.php?t=62733>

<http://multiagelearninglabs.com/Research/Cognitive%20and%20noncognitive%20effects%20of%20multigrade%20and%20multi.pdf>

http://www.crossofglory.org/home/140001642/140005475/Advantages_Multigrade_brochure.pdf

<http://www.jrre.psu.edu/articles/v7.n2.p3-12.Miller.pdf>

<http://www.devstu.org/product/the-lesson-planning-handbook>

<http://splitmultigradeclassroom.blogspot.com>

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0012/001259/125919eo.pdf> [multi-grade handbook for teachers]