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EDUCATION: BEYOND THE CLASSROOM AND INTO THE HOME

EDUCATION: MAKING LEARNING PART OF SUMMER'S FUN

Although studying school texts may not be your child's idea of summer fun, practicing skills on your TI Home Computer may change your young student's mind.

TI has more than 50 cartridges for students from pre-school to high school age.

In addition, there are a number of entertainment selections that offer mind provoking stimulation for all ages.

We've highlighted some of the most popular education and entertainment selections here.

If you are unable to find these selections at your local retailer, call TI's toll-free Consumer Software Line: 1-800-858-4075.

EDUCATION

TI's educational software series features programs developed by leaders in the educational field. In addition to being an excellent supplement and reinforcement tool for regular classroom studies, these programs make learning fun! The packages incorporate colorful graphics, animation, and in some cases, speech and music, to provide an interesting and entertaining learning environment. author's purpose, and bias and connotation of words. For grade five.

 Reading Flight presents classifying, summarizing, and outlining information.
 For grade level six.

•Addition/Subtraction I teaches basic math skills and provides reinforcement drills. For grade level one.

 Addition/Subtraction II introduces more complicated problems. For grades one and two.

•Multiplication I teaches the basics of multiplication. For grades three and four.

•Division I teaches and reinforces division concepts. Students automatically are provided extra help, if needed. Record keeping forms and worksheets are included. For grades three to five.

Computer Math Games II and VI — Designed with progressive levels of difficulty for grades one to nine. Five individual games incorporate basic functions and exponents into games with color graphics and music for one to three players. Developed by the Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. •In Alien Addition, the player must give the correct answer to addition problems in order to keep the waves of alien invaders from attacking a missile base far from Earth.

•In Minus Mission, the player must give the robot correct answers to subtraction problems in order to ward off blobs of stime.

•Hungry alligators lurk in the swamps in Alligator Mix. They can be fed only if the player provides the correct answers to addition and subtraction problems.

•By firing a cannon with the right answer to multiplication problems, the player successfully destroys meteor showers in Meteor Multiplication.

•In Demolition Division, the player detains the enemy tanks by providing correct answers to division problems.

Early Learning Fun — Teaches shapes, numbers, letters, counting, sorting, and the alphabet with colorful and exciting activities. For ages 3 to 6.

Beginning Grammar — Introduces the basic parts of speech and how they are used to build sentences. For grades 2 to 5.

Number Magic — An exciting math education program. Provides drill and practice in basic mathematics. For ages 6 and up.

Scott, Foresman Packages — For beginning readers through the sixth grade level, these reading packages can best be described as innovative and dynamic. The math packages are designed for grades one to five and introduce basic math skills.

•Early Reading introduces and reinforces basic reading skills. For beginning readers.

•Reading Fun allows students to learn more about the world as they practice reading skills. The stories are "Problems in Stories," "Why Things Happen," and "How People Feel." For grade level two. Developmental Learning Materials Series — These exceptional packages incorporate cartoon-type characters with an arcade game-style format to reinforce basic math skills for kids of all ages. Uses numbers 0 to 9. •The players help the dragon defend the city by providing solutions to division and multiplication problems in Dragon Mix.

Scholastic Spelling—Contains 36 lessons and three spelling games—720 words total. Introduces and reviews words. Speech synthesizer required. For levels 3 to 6.

 Reading On teaches map, graph, and schedule skills while reinforcing understanding and retention of information being read. For grade level three.

Reading Roundup introduces figures of speech, word meanings, and idioms. For students in grade four.
Reading Rally helps students

distinguish between fact and opinion,





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Speak & SpeliTM—Offers the same features as the popular learning aid. Children learn to recognize and spell words as they hear them spoken. Requires speech synthesizer. For beginning readers.

Milliken Math Series - Eleven programs provide drill and practice for

puter. One hundred and eight courses will be available on 450 diskettes. The Basic Skills series covers mathematics, reading, and grammar for grades 3 to 8. The High School Skills packages cover mathematics, reading, writing, science, and social studies for grades 9 to 12.

Computer Literacy-No person is too young or too old to learn to program! •TI LOGO—A child-appropriate computer language that is easy to learn and use. Students learn math, logic, and communication skills as they teach the computer to make shapes and designs. Developed in conjunction with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

 TI BASIC—A universal programming language which is simple, yet very powerful. TI BASIC is built right into the TI-99/4A console. Programming books come with the console. Teach Yourself BASIC is a step-by-step approach to learning BASIC and is available on diskette and cassette.

Othello⁺—An adaptation of the original board game from CBS Toys. The objective is to get the greatest number of disks on the board. Players try to outflank the opponent by capturing horizontal, vertical, and diagonal rows of the opponent's disks. Can be played against the computer or another player.

Mind Challengers --- Two games challenge the player. In Game I, the player must echo the computer's sequence of notes. In Game II, the player must break a code using shapes and colors. For ages 10 and up.

Tunnels of Doom—Players must overcome monsters and countless obstacles, while trying to put together a survival strategy involving secret weapons and magical items. This game comes with a cartridge and either a cassette or diskette. Games can be saved and resumed at a later time.

Adventure International Series --- Eleven different adventures challenge the player to solve adventures by reading and imagining the situation. The initial cartridge comes with the Pirate Adventure in either diskette or cassette form. The other adventures must be purchased separately: Adventureland, Secret Mission, Voodoo Castle, The Count, Strange Odyssey, Mystery Fun House, Pyramid of Doom, Ghost Town, Savage Island I & II, and The Golden Voyage.

grades K to 8. Programs include: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Integers, Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Laws of Arithmetic, Equations, and Measurement Formulas.

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Music Maker-Allows the user to create music by arranging notes on an electronic musical staff. Easy enough for novice composers.

Music Skills Trainer — Four drills test musical ability and improve skills. Drills include pitch guess, interval recognition, chord recognition, and phrase recall. For beginning musicians ages 10 and up.

Computer Music Box --- Music composition system allows three-part music to be entered, played, edited and saved. Even has automatic chord creation feature for composing computer-generated tunes. For ages 10 and up.

Touch Typing Tutor—Teaches touch typing using the TI-99/4A keyboard. Experienced typists can improve their speed and accuracy.

 TI EXTENDED BASIC—Offers greater programming power than TI BASIC. The Home Computer can also help you learn this extension of the popular language when you use "Teach Yourself Extended BASIC."

For the experienced programmer the following advanced programming languages are available: UCSD Pascal^{TM**} TI-PILOT, and Assembly, (using the Editor/ Assembler Cartridge).

ENTERTAINMENT

In addition to TI's popular arcade-style games, TI offers a number of games requiring strategy preparation and logic skills. These include:

Hunt the Wumpus—A mind-provoking maze of caverns and twisted tunnels. The player must use logic to find the Wumpus while trying to avoid slime pits and bats.

Mystery Melody—A musical game for one or two players. The object is to recognize the title of a song as quickly as possible.

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Market Simulation — Places two players in head-on business competition. Players choose the amount of advertising, production schedules, etc., while trying to predict personnel and economic conditions.

PLATO® * Basic and High School Skills Learning System—Used and tested for more than 20 years in public school systems, the power of PLATO courseware is available now on the TI Home Com-

NEW SOFTWARE INTRODUCED AT CES



the TI Mini-Memory cartridge is required. Entrapment is a product of the American Software Design and Distribution Company.

In M*A*S*H, players airlift wounded soldiers to the 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital for life-saving care. This 20th Century Fox cartridge will have a suggested retail price of \$39.95 and is expected to be available in October.

TI-Mini-Writer, a new Information Management package also was introduced by TI at the summer CES.

TI-Mini-Writer brings low-cost word processing capabilities to the Home Computer. The package features include full screen text editing, add/delete characters or lines, movable copy, and 9500 characters of storage per file.

The cassette-based package requires a TI-99/4A console, the TI Mini-Memory cartridge, and a cassette recorder and interface cable. The package will retail for \$19.95. Expected availability is July 1983.

Introduced at the January CES in Las Vegas, but new to many Home Computer users, is the Milton Bradley MBX^{TM*} Expansion System. This system will provide Home Computer users with unique educational and entertainment capabilities.

A number of new Home Computer software packages were introduced by TI at the 1983 Summer Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Chicago June 5.

Among the exciting new software previewed were the following Education, Entertainment, and Information Management applications.

Early LOGO Learning Fun is a cartridge which features a selection of the best of the LOGO procedures as found in the TI LOGO Curriculum Guide. The selections are presented in a format designed for preschool children.

LOGO is a computer language that uses command words that are common in a child's vocabulary. Children as young as three-years-old can learn about colors, shapes, and speed in a fun and entertaining way with the use of this cartridge.

This package will be available in July at a suggested retail price of \$39.95.

Word Invasion, another new educational package in arcade-style game format is scheduled for release in October. The package provides players with practice in identifying words representing six major parts of speech including nouns, pronouns, and verbs. The package will have a suggested retail price of \$39.95. Word Invasion was developed by the Developmental Learning Materials Corporation (DLM),

In Sneggit, players use wit and skill as they try to save a hen's eggs from hungry snakes. The package will retail for \$39.95. Expected availability is June 1983.

In Moonmine, users battle to recapture the world's most valuable treasures stolen. by aliens. The suggested retail price is \$39.95. Expected availability is October 1983.

Entrapment is a challenging game of skill and speed in which players control a spaceship which defends the Earth against an invading legion of hostile larvae entering the Earth's atmosphere. The package will be available in July with a suggested retail price of \$19.95. Use of

The MBX system features Voice Command^{TM*} cartridges which enable a user to direct the action on the screen by using actual voice commands.

The MBX Expansion System comes with an action input keypad, a joystick, electronic speech synthesizer, and a headset microphone.

Initially, 10 cartridges will be available for the MBX system. Cartridges and the MBX system are sold separately. Each cartridge will have a suggested retail price of \$39.95. The expected availability of the MBX system and Voice Command[™] Software is October 1983.

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Word Radar, another educational package from DLM, also in game format, helps players build vocabulary skills. The package will have a suggested retail price of \$39.95. Availability is planned for October.

Four new arcade-style entertainment applications for the Home Computer were introduced at CES. The titles are SNEGGIT, MOONMINE, ENTRAPMENT, and M*A*S*H.

NEW ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE SOON



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FREE PERIPHERAL EXPANSION SYSTEM

Beginning May 15, consumers who purchase any three of the following TI Home Computer products will be eligible to receive a free Peripheral Expansion System (PES), a \$250 value. Three of the following items must be purchased to qualify:

- Disk Controller Card
- Disk Memory Drive
- Memory Expansion Card
- RS-232 Card
- P-code Card
- TI-Writer, a word processing package
- MicrosoftTM MultiplanTM, a computerized spreadsheet

This offer is available from TI retailers at the time of purchase (all three items must be purchased at the same time). Orders for three of the qualifying items may be placed by calling the TI Consumer Software Line, toll-free: 1-800-858-4075. Consumers who phone an order for three of the qualifying items at one time are entitled to a free PES.

and convenient storage for cartridges, cassettes, and diskettes.

Among the accessories soon to be available are the following:

Diskette Storage Album—This is a 10diskette storage album. A flip-up tray holds the diskettes in place and allows the user to easily flip through every diskette contained in the album. Also included is an inside pocket for handy storage of several software booklets. The suggested retail price will be \$9.95. Mid-June is the expected availability date for this diskette storage album.

Cassette Storage Album—This album holds 12 cassettes in a cassette-formed cavity. Expected retail price is \$9.95. Availability is expected in June.

Cartridge Storage Album—Eight cartridges may be stored in this album. The suggested retail price is \$9.95. Expected availability is mid-June. A durable fiber board file box provides convenient storage for your software manuals. The file box matches the design of the cassette, cartridge, and diskette storage albums. Expected availability of the file is June 1983. The file will have a suggested retail price of \$4.95.

Other new accessories soon to be available to TI Home Computer users are:

Five 5-1/4" Blank Floppy Diskettes-Single-sided diskettes at a suggested retail price of \$19.95. Planned availability is June 1983.

Data Certified Cassette Tapes—The suggested retail price is \$3.99 each. Availability is planned by mid-May.

Impact Printer Paper—A new heavier, letter quality paper tears evenly with no rough edges. Expected availability is mid-May. The suggested retail price is \$19.95 for 1250 sheets.

DISCOUNTS, GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

In addition to new, lower prices for TI Computer Advantage Club classes, members and senior citizens now are eligible for special class discounts. TI also is offering gift certificates which may be purchased by members and non-members.

Because of the overwhelming response to the Computer Advantage Club classes, the tuition of four courses has been reduced. The tuition for the Adult Computer Awareness course was changed from \$75 to \$49.95. By request, the length of the sessions was changed from 2½ hours to a more convenient 2 hours each. The tuition for the Children's Computer Awareness class also was reduced to \$49.95. And these sessions also were changed from 2½ to 2 hours each. In addition, the Children's Programming Discovery classes in TI LOGO and TI BASIC have both been reduced to \$49.95. Course length remains 10 hours.

A special \$10 discount is available to the immediate family of TICAC members who enroll in any course with a tuition of \$50 or more. And, discounts also are available for senior citizens: \$49.95 courses are \$35; \$75 courses are \$39.95; and \$95 courses are \$49.95. TICAC gift certificates can be purchased for any TICAC class. The certificates are good for a full year from the date of purchase. To order a gift certificate, enroll in a class, or obtain more information about classes, call the TICAC toll-free number 1-800-858-4069.

TI ANNOUNCES FREE SPEECH OFFER

Retail consumers who purchase six pieces of cartridge software between June 1, 1983 and January 31, 1984 may be eligible for a free speech synthesizer from TI.

To qualify consumers must purchase either: 1) Six pieces of cartridge software. 2) One Entertainment Value Pack*, plus three additional software cartridges. Or, 3) two TI software libraries.

Additional qualification details are available from local retailers.

*The TI Entertainment Value Pack consists of the following six cartridges: Parsec, Adventure (in cassette format),

Blasto⁺, Hangman⁺, Connect Four⁺, and Oldies But Goodies/II. This \$154.70 value pack sells for only \$99.95 beginning in August 1983.

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WORD FIND

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SUMMER FUN WITH YOUR TI HOME COMPUTER

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When you're wondering what to do this summer, try one of these ideas on your TI Home Computer.

- 1. Learn to program with TI LOGO, Teach Yourself BASIC (available on cassette and diskette), or Teach Yourself Extended BASIC (available on cassette and diskette).
- 2. Take a TICAC course.
- 3. Have a Tunnels of Doom marathon.

- 4. See how many Adventures (Adventure International Series) you can solve.
- 5. Test and improve your musical skills with TI's Music Skills Trainer.
- 6. Learn to write music with Music Maker.
- 7. Set up a Christmas card mailing list, fall course listing, birthday list, or inventory of your books or a special collection with Personal Record Keeping (cassette recorder





or disk system required).

8. Create computer designs and graphics with Video Graphs.

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9. Set up a summer diet and exercise program designed especially for you with TI's Physical Fitness and Weight Control and Nutrition cartridges.

COMPUTER ADIANTAGE CLUB OFFERS NEW COURSES

The TI Computer Advantage Club will offer 10 courses in more than 100 cities this summer. Seven of these courses are being offered for the first time.

The new courses include Programming Discovery in TI BASIC, for youngsters, and Computers For Early Learners, for preschoolers. The new adult courses are BASIC Programming for Adults, TI Extended BASIC, TI-Writer, MicrosoftTM MultiplanTM, and Computers in the Classroom. Course descriptions are listed below.

Because of the limited size of the classes, participants are assured of individualized instruction and hands-on computer experience.

To obtain class dates, sites, and times in your area, call the TICAC toll-free number: 1-800-858-4069.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Children's Computer Awareness—An overview of what computers are, what they can do, and how they work. Participants learn the basics of computers, how to use pre-programmed software, and how to save and recall programs and procedures. Introduction to TI BASIC and TI LOGO is provided. This course is recommended for beginners. Age Group: 7-15. Length: 8 hours. Tuition: \$49.95

Programming Discovery in TI

LOGO—Participants learn the uses of sprites, turtles, and shapes, in addition to receiving a general overview of computers, how they work, and storing and recalling procedures. TI LOGO encourages logical thinking, decision-making, divergent thinking, mathematical skills development, sequential thinking, and creativity. The Children's Computer Awareness course is recommended as a prerequisite. Age Group:7-15. Length: 10 hours. Tuition:\$49.95.

Programming Discovery in TI BASIC—Students are taught the basics of

- Practice your math, reading, and spelling skills with cartridges from TI's educational series: Reading Flight, Alien Addition, Computer Math Games II and VI, Alligator Mix, Meteor Multiplication, Scholastic Spelling, or a Plato[®]' selection, for example.
- Learn to type with Touch Typing Tutor.



 Invite your friends over for a Parsec, Othello**, Hunt the Wumpus, or Mystery Melody contest.

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programming, hardware, and software. By the end of the course, students will be programming on their own. Topics covered include: overview of programming languages, storing and recalling programs, BASIC commands, flowcharting, CALL commands, and debugging. Each student is encouraged to complete an independent project of his or her own choice. The Children's Computer Awareness course is recommended as a prerequisite. Age Group: 10-15. Length: 10 hours. Tuition: \$49.95.

Computers for Early Learners—This course is designed for pre-schoolers and their parents to experience an introduction to computers together. The students will be given an overview of what the computer can and cannot do, and will be taught a basic understanding of short BASIC programs, TI LOGO procedures, and pre-programmed software. Age Group: 4-7 (4- and 5-year-olds must be accompanied by a parent). Separate classes are held for 4- and 5-year-olds, and for 6- and 7-year-olds. Length: 4 hours. Tuition: \$35.

Adult Computer Awareness—A general introduction to the TI-99/4A Home Computer, its uses, languages, and preprogrammed software. Other topics include: programming concepts and terms, cassette and diskette storage, color, graphics, sound, and speech programs, and computer telecommunications. An introduction to TI BASIC and TI LOGO is given. Designed for people with no prior computer experience. Age Group: 16 and up. Length: 8 hours. Tuition: \$49.95.

BASIC Programming for Adults—This course concentrates on programming in TI BASIC. Topics include: TI-99/4A capabilities, BASIC terms, color, graphics, sound, storage, speech, loops, numeric functions, and GOSUB statements. This course is suggested for people who have had some experience with computers. Age Group: 16 and up. Length: 10 hours. Tuition: \$75.

TI Extended BASIC—A programming course which illustrates the expanded power of the BASIC language. Topics include: new and expanded commands, multiple statement lines, sprites, subprograms, and debugging. Participants should be familiar with programming in TI BASIC. Age Group: 16 and up. Length: 8 hours. Tuition: \$75.

TI-Writer—An in-depth course introducing participants to word processing with TI-Writer. Essential functions of TI-Writer are covered including creating, editing, storing, retrieving and printing documents. Disk management and text formatting also are presented. Age Group: 16 and up. Length: 5 hours. Tuition: \$49.95.

Microsoft[™] Multiplan[™]—An introduction to the use of electronic spreadsheets. Topics include: creating and maintaining spreadsheets, commands, formulas, and options. Storing and retrieving spreadsheets also is covered. This course is most appropriate for people interested in business-related applications. Age Group: 18 and up. Length: 8 hours. Tuition: \$95.

Computers in the Classroom—This course is designed to introduce instructors to the many different ways computers can be used in a classroom environment. Topics include TI BASIC, TI LOGO, PLATO[®] course design, and evaluation of computer effectiveness. Length and Tuition: Course content, cost, and length are flexible, depending on individual group needs. Call the toll-free TICAC number to obtain the name of an instructor in your local area.

NEW USERS GROUPS

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CONSUMER HOTLINE

The Consumer Hotline is open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Friday. The national number is 1-800-858-4565.

CONSUMER SOFTWARE LINE

Consumers unable to purchase software from local dealers can order software from TI by calling 1-800-858-4075 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Friday.

CONSUMER TECHNICAL LINE

Home Computer users can call the technical line for questions about programming and applications. The line is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 3:15 p.m. on Friday. The direct number is 1-800-741-2663.

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