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Editor's Page

Kathy Barclay, Editor

This is often a stressful time of year for educators. We have new students to come to know before we can begin to truly meet their needs. We often have new colleagues with whom to share responsibilities for teaching and learning. And, there are always new initiatives, such as RTI and Common Core Standards, bringing more to learn, to do, and to assimilate into our already too-full days. Thankfully, as we tackle the many tasks associated with a new academic year, nature provides us with a wonderfully soothing change of temperature, colors, tastes, and smells.

I love the smells of autumn . . . pumpkin spice candles, baskets of fragrant apples, and cinnamon fill the air in my home and in my office. These diverse scents are as warm and inviting as I hope for each school and classroom

to be. This fall issue of *IRCJ* is a bit like a bowl of fresh, richly scented fall potpourri, with, hopefully, something that appeals to each of you. The authors of our four feature articles will lead you to explore music, language, and drama, as well as the change from reading specialist to literacy coach. Our column authors share information about new books and converging media for children and young adults, the reading-writing connection, RTI, hints for new teacher leaders, and research about dialect shifting and reading. In addition, in the Illinois Author column, Ronda Brown shares her conversation with our very own Steven Layne, past president of IRC and well-known speaker and author of books for children and teachers.

Please also note that the fall issue of *IRCJ* always includes the volume index. This valuable tool will help you locate articles and topics of interest in each of the issues included in Volume 39.

Happy fall . . . and happy reading!

Kathy