



## Denford Press Release: New Curriculum Review

Introducing CNC Machining Level 1 – NIMS preparation for certification. A vocational level curriculum that correlates to the NIMS KSAO and Duties with three separate modules covering theory, mill and lathe projects. The Theory portion is aimed at teaching the fundamentals of machining and CNC. The Mill and Lathe portions included activities designed to teach the student about CNC programming and planning. The curriculum can be used with any Denford Mill or Lathe. Testing and credentialing programs for Level 1 skills are currently restricted to milling principles and are administered through NIMS.

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This wooden, folded-path, Keplerian telescope provides a much safer and convenient way to view the brilliant light of the sun than other more common methods. By using a series of mirrors, the device projects a bright 3.25-inch solar image onto a 5-inch white viewing screen through a powerful 62mm diameter objective lens. In its perfectly curved cradle, the Sunspotter is easily aligned to the sun in seconds, without the complication of telescopes, solar filters, and tripods.

Unlike other ways of viewing the sun, the compact and sturdy Sunspotter is convenient, easy to set up, lightweight and fun to use. And, because of its unique design, this kid-friendly instrument makes our closest star a safer subject of study by even the youngest students. Use the Sunspotter for viewing the sun, eclipses, and for daily record keeping. Track sunspots as they appear, move, and vanish. Useful for group viewing, the Sunspotter allows several observers to simultaneously see the sun's disk and quickly trace the changing positions of sunspots and compare them on a daily basis.



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## Introducing the Verbal Edge™ for the SAT

Verbal Edge for the SAT is a program designed by a practicing high school English teacher. Here is what Jinny Gudmundsen had to say about Verbal Edge in her syndicated weekly review column, Computing With Kids.

### The SAT!

The dreaded test that determines the fate of many college-bound children.

Success on the verbal sections depends, in large part, on a good working vocabulary. Vocabulary building doesn't happen overnight, but VERBAL EDGE for the SAT, a little-known gem in the flood of SAT prep materials, can help. This program impressed our teen-testers because they didn't mind playing it every weekend, and its unique approach to teaching vocabulary made the words stick.

To read Jinny's complete review go to <http://www.computingwithkids.com/column/20021115.asp>

To learn more about Verbal Edge, connect to their web site  
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