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Renaissance Learning Announces Accelerated Grammar & Spelling Software to Help Teachers Build Language Skills

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. – January 21, 2003 – Renaissance Learning™, Inc. (NASDAQ: RLRN), a leading provider of learning information systems and school improvement programs for pre-K–12 schools, has announced Accelerated Grammar & Spelling™ language skills development and management software.

Accelerated Grammar & Spelling provides teachers with information to closely monitor every student's progress in writing skills, including grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling. As students complete assignments, their scores are automatically generated providing an accurate, consistent measurement of practice with these writing skills. Teachers can quickly identify each student's progress without having to grade papers.

“We are pleased to announce another product in the writing area,” says Terrance Paul, chief executive officer of Renaissance Learning. “Accelerated Grammar & Spelling adds a spelling component to Renaissance Learning's Writing Solutions package which also includes Accelerated Writer® and professional development for educators.”

Accelerated Grammar & Spelling will be available for preview at this year's National Renaissance Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, February 5-8. It is expected to ship prior to the fall back to school season.

Renaissance Learning™, Inc., is a leading provider of learning information systems that help teachers, principals, and superintendents improve student achievement in reading, writing, math, and standards in grades pre-K–12. Adopted by over 62,000 schools, Renaissance information technology products are among the most popular in schools nationwide, including Accelerated Reader®, Accelerated Math®, Accelerated Writer, Fluent Reader™, and STAR Early Literacy®. Over 400,000 educators have received Renaissance training. The Company also provides electronic assessment products and services to educational publishers and sells enterprise software for training and knowledge management. Renaissance Learning has six U.S. locations and subsidiaries in Australia, Canada, India, and the United Kingdom.

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