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Technology

So many technology resources, so little time to get them all out by the end of June!!

GOOGLE has a plethora of activities and resource to use with students.

Did you know that you can put a math problem in the google search window and get the answer? Or that Google has a conversion tool?

http://www.tammyworcester.com/Tips/Tammys_Technology_Tips_for_Teachers.html

Classroom Resources:

<http://www.billings.k12.mt.us/resources/>
Selection is by grade level, subject, and also has teacher resources.

Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

Kid-In-Mind

<http://www.kids-in-mind.com/>

Determining Kid Friendly Movies

This site was a Kim Komando recommended site. Her comments are: Today's site will help you determine if today's site is appropriate for your children. It provides detailed ratings.

From the website: We enable adults to determine whether a movie is appropriate for them or their children, according to their own criteria.

Movies are rated in 3 areas: sex and nudity, violence and gore, profanity.

Cyber Bullies are After Your Kids

Kim Komando has some information on cyber bullying. This can be found at:

<http://www.komando.com/tips/index.aspx?id=8670>

Professional Development

E-Courses from NDSU can be found at:
<http://edukator.homestead.com/NDSU/p1.html>

Courses include: Literature Circles, Math and Literacy, Reader's Theater, Science and Literature, Game Based Learning for Math, Testing Strategies, and more. 1, 2, or 3 credit classes are offered.

UND Classes:

<http://educators.und.edu/workshops/>

This lists which classes are offered in which city.

Minot State University:

http://www.minotstateu.edu/cel/Summer_Bulletin.shtml

**This announcement has been shared by:
David Richter, Williston CCLC**

Habitats of North Dakota—A Visual Arts Approach

Habitats of North Dakota—A Visual Arts Approach with Sherry Niesar & Paul Noot
Dates: June 31– July 1, 2010 (8 am—4:30 pm both days)

Location: ND Game & Fish Dept., 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND

Cost: Registration Fee \$35, 1 Semester Hour Graduate Credit for available thru UND - \$50
The workshop will be fun and fast paced with many hands - on activities educators can use in their classrooms, discussion of classroom and curriculum integration, and identification of local resources. North Dakota natural resources, environment, and wildlife will be emphasized in this workshop. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to experiment with different media including clay, watermedia, pastel, and colored pencil. No previous art experience is required for this workshop.

This workshop is for teachers (k - 12), environmental educators, and anyone that works with youth.

Teachers completing this course will have a basis for teaching ecological concepts and environmental stewardship to their students through the visual arts using the new *Habitats of North Dakota* curriculum..

About the Instructors

Sherry Niesar has been a conservation educator with the North Dakota Game & Fish Department for 25 years and named the 2006 Conservation Educator of the Year by the ND Game and Fish Department. She holds a MS in Wildlife Science from South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD. Sherry is a guest science teacher at local elementary schools and the Program Director for Bismarck Art & Galleries Association.

Paul Noot holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from University of North Dakota and Master of Fine Arts from Brooklyn College, New York. Paul teaches visual arts at Bismarck High School, Sleepy Hollow Summer Arts program and Theo Art School. He works in many different media, including oil, pencil, acrylic and clay. Paul exhibits locally and regionally and his work can be found in collections throughout the region.

Habitats of North Dakota—A Visual Arts Approach Registration Form
Send your name, address, email address, and \$35 to: BAGA at 422 E. Front Ave. Bismarck, ND 58504
Questions? Call Bismarck Art & Galleries at 701-223-5986

Only 3 states require a high school class on financial responsibility and ND is not one of them. There are board games that will help students learn about debt: Beat Debt, Celebrity Calamity, Thrive Time, and Charge Large are some of the games recommended by True Credit.

2010 Adult Education Fall Conference

September 22 - 24, 2010

Bismarck Doublewood Inn

Wednesday, Sept 22 - evening social/registration

Thursday, Sept 23 - all day

Friday, Sept 24 - done at noon

Google Books

One of many Google tools is Google Books. You can download public domain books which are no longer under copyright in pdf to read on your computer and you can also preview books. I am currently reading *The Secret Garden* which I downloaded to my computer in pdf. This is a great resource for reading material. You need to have a Google account and signing up is free. On the right hand side it will say Download. Click on that and then pick pdf and it will download your book.

You may want to set up a single generic Google account for your classroom. All students will be able to log in to this single account. Go to: mail.google.com and click on the "Sign Up for Gmail". Follow the on screen prompts and put in a name and password the students will remember. Students can log in with this information if they do not have a gmail account.

<http://books.google.com/>

More information about Google books:
<http://www.komando.com/downloads/category.aspx?id=7219>

My Paint

My Paint is free to download and use. If you have artistic students they may love to play with this program.

http://mypaint.intilinux.com/?page_id=6

Did You Know?

ND is the 4th largest oil producing state?

Mountrail County was the top-producing county in 2009, accounting for 37% of the state's oil production.

Each drilling rig accounts for more than 120 direct and indirect jobs.

Plenty of jobs...not enough housing:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/21/us/21ndakota.html>

Civics Quiz

Questions were taken from the 2008 Civics Literacy Exam. See if you are smarter than the average American! You can also get a printable version of the quiz.

<http://www.americancivilliteracy.org/resources/quiz.aspx>

The Nest

This school named their after school program - The Nest. A nest is a warm, safe refuge for developing creatures. We welcome Franklin County students of all feathers to The Nest.

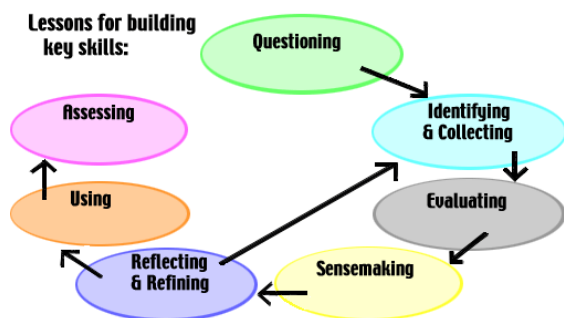
They also developed a logo to depict The Nest:

The image depicts a mother Seahawk watching her babies engaged in a trio of program activities – reading, recreation and technology. It's fun in The Nest!

To view The Nest go to:

<http://www.franklincountyschools.org/nest2.htm>

21st Century Literacy



Wonderful website to use for classroom activities with reading. The developers of this site have researched resources for teachers to use plus lessons to use with students. There is information on using sentence strips, skimming, scanning, highlighting, notetaking, and graphic organizers to just name a few ideas from this site.

This site has information for students in K-12

<http://www.kn.att.com/wired/21stcent/index.html>

Wordle Activities

Wordle was introduced in the February newsletter. Here are some activities others are using with Wordle in the classroom.

<http://jenuinetech.com/GTW/>

<http://jlwagner.pbworks.com/MoreThanWordles>

46 Interesting Ways to Use Wordle in the Classroom:

http://docs.google.com/present/view?id=dhn2vcv5_157dpbsg9c5

23 Ways to use Wordle in the Classroom:

<http://languagesresources.wordpress.com/2009/05/07/23-ways-to-use-wordle-in-the-mfl-classroom/>

Word It Out

<http://worditout.com/>

Book

Using technology is a way to connect with students, especially the students who are younger and are already connected to technology.

Cell phones are here to stay so we might as well be using them as a teaching tool.

Toys to Tools: Connecting Student Cell Phones to Education by Liz Kolb has lesson plans already set up for the teachers to use. She connects her lesson plans to Science, Math, Social Studies and more.