



Tech Tips 4 Teachers

Technology Integration Ideas from Region 9 ESC

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“Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire.”

-- W. B. Yeats



Share with your parents:

Surf Net Kids:
<http://www.surfnetkids.com/>

NetSmartz:
<http://www.netsmartz.org/netparents.htm>

FBI Guide:
<http://www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguidee.htm>

Thinkfinity.org Adds Resources

Just in time for the new school year, Verizon Thinkfinity.org has added 154 educational resources to its already robust collection for teachers, parents, students and after-school programs. Verizon Thinkfinity.org contains thousands of free educational resources including interactive games, videos and activities that make learning fun. Lesson plans, in-class activities and homework help can be found quickly and can be searched by grade level, keyword, or subject.

Region 9 ESC is offering Verizon Thinkfinity training for teachers on November 11, 2009.

[Register online at www.esc9.net](http://www.esc9.net) for workshop # 1828.6587

Do You Moodle?

Moodle is a Course Management System (CMS), also known as a Learning Management System (LMS) or a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). It is a free web application that educators can use to create effective online learning sites.



The Moodle 101 course will provide Region 9 teachers the opportunity to utilize their very own online resource for students. Class participants will design and implement courses that assist with classroom instruction.

[Moodle 101 is being offered as a workshop for teachers on October 7, 2009, at Region 9 ESC. The workshop number is 2228.6588.](#)

Please contact Mike Campbell at mike.campbell@esc9.net with any questions.

Teacher Tech Competency

Region 9 ESC has 3 Teacher Technology Competency Courses designed to promote technology proficiency among teachers (a Title II, Part D requirement). Upon completion of all three courses teachers receive a Region 9 Teacher Technology Competency Certificate. Over 60 teachers completed the program this summer!

These courses are free to teachers at Region 9 area schools in the Title II, Part D Coop. These courses are online classes, and new classes form at the beginning of each month. The courses are designed for users who need to learn skills that are considered "basic" and essential for them to know as they begin integrating technology into their curriculum. There are no pre-requisite skills for these courses.

See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Top Ten Tips for Technology Integration

Let's review the top ten tips from the Education World Tech Team:

10. Gain perspective.
9. Get organized.
8. Take a course.
7. Network with peers.
6. Explore the literature.
5. Experiment with software.
4. Install timesaving technology.
3. Create a classroom climate.
2. Punch up existing lessons.
1. Prepare something new.

http://www.educationworld.com/a_tech/tech/tech039.shtml

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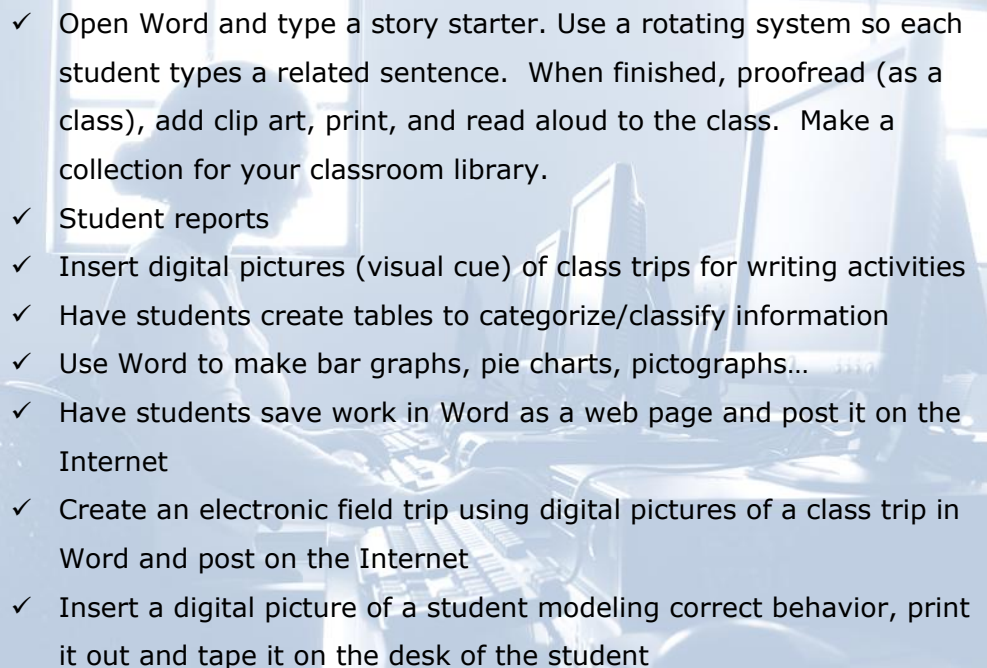
Promethean Training

Region 9 ESC has basic training scheduled on using the Promethean system. This session includes utilizing the features of Activestudio, organizing your flipcharts and using existing lessons. This session is for beginning users who have a system in their classroom or will have a system within a month of the training date. [The scheduled workshop for beginners is October 14 \(workshop # 2229.6589\).](#)

[Additionally a follow up workshop for experienced users will be held on January 14. The workshop number for this session is 2229.6591.](#)

Teachers can register for these sessions at www.esc9.net.

What's the Word?

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- ✓ Open Word and type a story starter. Use a rotating system so each student types a related sentence. When finished, proofread (as a class), add clip art, print, and read aloud to the class. Make a collection for your classroom library.
 - ✓ Student reports
 - ✓ Insert digital pictures (visual cue) of class trips for writing activities
 - ✓ Have students create tables to categorize/classify information
 - ✓ Use Word to make bar graphs, pie charts, pictographs...
 - ✓ Have students save work in Word as a web page and post it on the Internet
 - ✓ Create an electronic field trip using digital pictures of a class trip in Word and post on the Internet
 - ✓ Insert a digital picture of a student modeling correct behavior, print it out and tape it on the desk of the student

Sites to See!

[Lit2Go](#) <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>: is a free online collection of stories and poems in Mp3 (audiobook) format.

[ExplOration](#) <http://www.exploratorium.edu>: Considered the Web's first online science museum, the ExplOration is packed with engaging learning content.

[Science Fun!](#) <http://nasascience.nasa.gov/kids>: Here you can play, learn and explore the world around you. NASA brings you an exciting way to look at our Sun and Earth, our solar system and the universe beyond.

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Teacher Technology Competency Courses

These courses are:

- at no cost to teachers at Region 9 area schools in the Title II, Part D Coop
- online classes
- designed for users who need to learn skills that are considered "basic"
- essential skills for integrating technology into the curriculum
- set up so teachers earn 6 hours credit per course

Upon completion of all three courses, teachers receive a Region 9 Teacher Technology Competency Certificate.

**October 1- 30, 2009:
Register at www.esc9.net**

Course 1: Workshop # 1753.6540

Course 2: Workshop # 1790.6541

Course 3: Workshop # 1792.6542

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