



Tech Tips 4 Teachers

Technology Integration Ideas from Region 9 ESC

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*"A teacher affects eternity;
he can never tell where his
influence stops."*

-- Henry Brooks Adams



Websites for
November:

Election Day:
http://www.abcteach.com/directory/seasonal_holidays/election_day/

Veterans Day:
<http://www.eduplace.com/monthlytheme/november/veterans.html>

Thanksgiving:
<http://score.rims.k12.ca.us/activity/plymouth/>

Thinkfinity Workshop for Teachers

November 11, 2009

Thinkfinity.org makes it easy for educators to enhance their classroom instruction with lesson plans, interactive activities and other on-line resources. Thinkfinity also provides a wealth of FREE educational and literacy resources for students, parents and after-school programs.



This hands-on workshop will be a review of Thinkfinity's great resources. This workshop will explore thousands of free educational resources including interactive games, videos, lesson plans, in-class activities and homework help.

Region 9 ESC is offering Verizon Thinkfinity training for teachers on November 11, 2009. [Click here to: register online for workshop # 1828.6587](#)

Check It Out!

The Region 9 ESC Technology Department has items you can check out to use in your classroom. Below is a list of items available for check out, and we are in the process of adding more items (look for updates in future editions of this newsletter).

Digital Cameras and Digital Video Cameras
Ipods and Ipod Microphones
GPS units
Robotics Kits
Laptops
Palms

Please contact Kim French at 940-322-6928 ext. 323 or kim.french@esc9.net to reserve these items for use in your classroom.



Sites to See!

Google for Educators: <http://www.google.com/educators/index.html> Offers a real chance to transform learning in 21st century ways with great technology tools (maps, but so much more connected or possible).

Learning Through Listening: <http://www.learningthroughlistening.org/> This site provides free lesson plans, activities, teaching strategies and other resources to help teach critical listening skills and meet the needs of diverse learners.

PowerPoint Top Ten Tips

1. The background and text colors should contrast.
2. Use a large font size, at least 24 points.
3. Use Arial or Times New Roman fonts. Keep the fonts easy to read.
4. Don't try to crowd too much on one slide.
5. Give students time to look at the slide without you talking.
6. When you speak, dim the screen so there are no distractions.
7. Leave the lights on in your classroom.
8. Let your students create the PowerPoints.
9. Add video to your PowerPoints.
10. Use short videos...no more than 5 minutes.

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<http://theteachertoteacherblog.com/?p=11>

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Do you need some tech skills? Want to learn to integrate technology?

Do you want to build up your technology skills and learn how to integrate technology into your instruction? Then we have the training for you!



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. These classes are online and can be done on your schedule.

Course 1 will teach you the skills to integrate publications into your curriculum. For example, you will learn how to use newsletters and brochures in your lesson projects. Course 2 has a focus of integrating PowerPoint into your lessons. Course 3 will help you learn to use the Internet effectively in your classroom.

These courses are free to teachers at Region 9 area schools in the Title II, Part D Coop. New classes form at the beginning of each month. The courses are designed for users who need to learn skills that are essential for them to know as they begin integrating technology into their instruction. There are no prerequisite skills for these courses. Contact jennifer.hettler@esc9.net for more information on these courses.

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

What's the Point?

Ideas for Integrating with PowerPoint

- ✓ Students create a collection of literature (their own or from the time period) that represents the topic you're studying. For example, have students select literature (stories, poems, etc.) that best depicts conditions during a certain historical period and defend their choice in a multimedia presentation.
- ✓ Create a multimedia and/or video presentation on current events and issues.
- ✓ Make a travel guide for an area of the world, country or state. Include things like supplies needed, perils, benefits, an advertisement for certain areas, etc.
- ✓ Students research and report on one of the many ways people traveled during a historical period. Gather these together to make one PowerPoint as a class report.
- ✓ Students create a two-slide PowerPoint explaining actions and reactions or causes and effects. Then put the slides all together, and you have a class report!
- ✓ Students create multimedia presentations on points of view of the historical period by different people or of a different subject area from the historical period. Be sure you give students ample resources to do this.
- ✓ Have students create a multimedia portfolio of math concepts they understand

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