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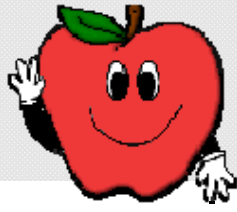
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# Welcome to a New School Year!

Welcome back for the 2008-2009 school year. This bulletin kicks off the school year with a warm welcome and some back-to-school resources. We have compiled some resources which may be useful to teachers of all experience levels and subject areas at the start of the school and throughout the year. Best wishes for a wonderful year.



*Tips for Starting the Year off Right!*  
Take a look at these articles courtesy of the National Education Association (NEA).

*30 Ways to Show Students You Care!*  
Compliments, acknowledgment and other gestures big and small can make all the difference.

*Tips for Starting the Year off Right.*  
Great tips courtesy of the Vermont-National Education Association.



<http://www.teachertube.com/>

## Open House Ideas

**All About Me T-Shirts**  
<http://everydayteaching.com/b2s/AllAboutMeTShirt.pdf>

**Bio Poems**  
<http://www.everydayteaching.com/b2s/BioPoem.pdf>

**Back to School Activities for Elementary Classes**

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/lessonrepro/lessonplans/profbooks/backtoschooltips.pdf>

**Write a Classmate Biography**

[http://www.teacherfiles.com/downloads/back\\_to\\_school/biography\\_question\\_page.pdf](http://www.teacherfiles.com/downloads/back_to_school/biography_question_page.pdf)

### Tip of the Month



Did you ever want to send an email to a whole bunch of people but you didn't want everyone on your email list to know who everyone else is? Then you need to know what that Bcc is for on your email list.

"Bcc..." which stands for Blind Carbon Copy. Use this line when you don't want anyone in the "To..." or "Cc..." lines to know who else received the message. If you put the email addresses of all your intended recipients in the "Bcc..." line, none of them will know who else received the message. It's a way to send a message to a whole group of people without sharing everyone's email address with everyone else.

## New Standards

See how the New Improved math standards compare with the old standards.

<http://www.sevier.org/newcurriculum.html>



"All students can learn and succeed, but not on the same day in the same way."

William G. Spady

## Homework

### Helpers:

<http://www.cyberlearning.com/24/homeworkAssignments.pdf>

*They'll have no excuse now not to turn in homework on time... Why? Because you have these printable homework assignment trackers to hand out to your students, keeping them on track and on time.*



**Make practice for spelling tests fun!**

# Language Arts Classroom Resources

## English At Home

<http://techlearning.com/webpicks/showArticle.php?articleID=196605199>

Designed for English Language Learners, this fascinating site offers a collection of lessons on grammar, vocabulary, tenses, verbs and speaking.

## Daily Reading Comprehension Quizzes

<http://www.teacherneedhelp.com/readingquizzes/>

Boost literacy skills and prepare early and with on-going resources for standardized testing, with these online reading quizzes geared to sixth grade reading levels; new entries are included daily.

## Online Grammar Lessons

<http://www.dailygrammar.com/archive.shtml>

From parts of a sentence to mechanics, students can find a comprehensive overview of grammar lessons here, complete with interactive exercises to practice or refine the skills.

# Science Classroom Resources

## Simple and Complex Machines

<http://sunshine.chpc.utah.edu/javalabs/java12/machine/index.htm>

This site teaches about simple machines such as "Wedge and Lever," "Ramp and Pulley," and "Wheel and Axle."

## Explore Mars

[http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/funzone\\_flash.html](http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/funzone_flash.html)

What is your weight on Mars? How about taking a trip to Virtual Mars, or try building a world on Mars. Students can learn all about the red planet, play related games, and try different maps, mazes, and models in the student activities.



# Interactivities

## Spelling City

<http://www.spellingcity.com/>

online spelling program that makes practicing for spelling tests fun.

## Mudd Math

<http://www.math.hmc.edu/funfacts>

Web site ties math concepts to real-world phenomena.

## Arcademic Skill Builders

<http://www.arcademicsskillbuilders.com>

Features online educational games offering a new approach to learning basic math, language arts, vocabulary, and thinking skills.

# Early Elementary



*A Good teacher Explains...A Superior teacher Demonstrates...A GREAT teacher Inspires!*

## Songs and Poems Throughout the Year

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems.html>

No matter what the occasion, you are almost certain to find an appropriate poem here to learn with your early elementary classes.

## Learn the Keyboard

[http://www.abcya.com/standard\\_keyboard.htm](http://www.abcya.com/standard_keyboard.htm)

Students will become more familiar with the location of letters and numbers on their keyboards, as they must fill in the blank spaces by clicking and dragging the correct keys to their position in this online keyboarding game. (Great with a SmartBoard/ActivBoard)

## Fun and Yucky Art Recipes

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/artrecipes3.html>

## Playdough Recipes

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/artrecipes2.html>

## The World of Pre-K

<http://www.pre-kpages.com/teachers1.html>

## Bembo's

## Alphabet Zoo

<http://www.bemboszoo.com/Bembo.swf>

# Social Studies Classroom Resources

## Digital History

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu>

University of Houston's Digital History interactive website focuses on American history topics of importance for K-12 students.

## National Geographic Expeditions

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/expeditions/>

Xpeditions is home to the U.S. National Geography Standards—and to thousands of ideas, tools, and interactive adventures that bring them to life.

## Smithsonian

<http://www.si.edu/>

19 museums, 9 research centers, and the National Zoo.

"Success is never found. Failure is never fatal. Courage is the only thing."

- Winston Churchill

# Teaching Resources

## Closing the Achievement Gap with Technology

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/mediainfusion/>

Try this technology blog, where high school educators share their thoughts on closing the many student achievement gaps with the use of technology.

## DOC Cop

<http://www.doccop.com>

...is a plagiarism detection tool that creates reports displaying the correlation and matches between documents or a document and the web.

## Teaching and Learning Resources from

## Federal Agencies

<http://free.ed.gov/>



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

Web Gem



FREE Logo Creator

<http://www.logoease.com>

### ELL Resources

<http://www.esl4teachers.com/>

<http://www.quia.com/cc/89.html> Spanish Match-Up

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ELL resources have been added to the [Instructional Resources](#) page on the Sevier County School System website.



**ZAC is the first web browser developed specifically for children with autism, and autism spectrum disorders such as Asperger syndrome, pervasive developmental disorders (PDD), and PDD-NOS. We have made this browser for the children - for their enjoyment, enrichment, and freedom. Children touch it, use it, play it, interact with it, and experience independence through ZAC.**

<http://www.zacbrowser.com/>



## Educator Blogs

To keep abreast of new developments in the world of educational technology, you might consider subscribing to a blog written by an educator. All of the blogs featured below have won awards from their peers.

**Best Resource Sharing Blog 2007**  
TipLine--Gates' Computer Tips  
<http://tipline.blogspot.com>

**Best Group Blog 2007**  
Techlearning Blog  
[www.techlearning.com/blog](http://www.techlearning.com/blog)

**Most Influential Post 2007**  
The Fischbowl  
<http://thefischbowl.blogspot.com>

**Best Library/Librarian Blog 2006**  
Hey Jude  
<http://heyjude.wordpress.com>

**Best Newcomer Blog 2006**  
Ed Tech Journeys  
<http://preilly.wordpress.com>

For listings of past winners of the Edublog awards, visit <http://edublogawards.com>.

# Math Classroom Resources

## WORD PROBLEMS

(5-12):

<http://www.stfx.ca/special/mathproblems/>

Start the school year with this warm-up in math word problems for 5th & 6th grades, complete with hints for students who get stuck, and available answers as well.

## Fraction Game

<http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivityDetail.aspx?id=18>

Provides practice working with relationships among fractions and ways of combining fractions.

## Product Game

<http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivityDetail.aspx?id=29>

Fun, interactive game that exercises your skill with factors and multiples.



**What's the difference between a shiny new penny and an old quarter?**

Answer: 24 Cents