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W.D. Tech NEWS

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP: HOW MANY OF US TEACH IT?

"Some school districts make it a requirement if a teacher is going to use technology."

Digital Citizenship. Do you have any idea what the definition of it is? In case you aren't 100% sure, it is "...the norms of appropriate, responsible technology use" (*http://www.digitalcitizenship.net/*).

I recently attended a conference at Omaha Public Schools. One of the comments made by one of the presenters was that no teacher in the district can use a technology with his/her students unless s/he teaches Digital Citizenship while using the technology. That got me thinking about how many of us at Western Dubuque actually teach our students how to be a good Digital Citizen. After viewing the number of hits on our district's Technology Safety Site, I don't think we are exactly stressing this topic enough.

Something you may find interesting is that we are required by law to teach Digital Citizenship if we receive E-Rate dollars. That projector in your room... supplied by E-Rate dollars along with many of our computer programs and tech equipment.

In order to be in compliance, I am creating Digital Citizenship activities that all teachers will be able to use with their students. It really won't be difficult since it will consist mostly of videos, websites, and discussion.

I think all educators will agree that Internet and Social Media safety is a big concern with our students. A little time spent learning about Digital Citizenship will help all of us keep our students safe as well as teach a life-long skill. Stay tuned for more!

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Site: Clay Animator *(Art/Science/Technology/AudioVideo)*

Rudolf the Red-Nose Reindeer movie? Claymation. You, too can begin creating your own animated claymation-type video when you learn the terminology and "how-to" resources provided at Clay Animator.

http://clayanimator.com/

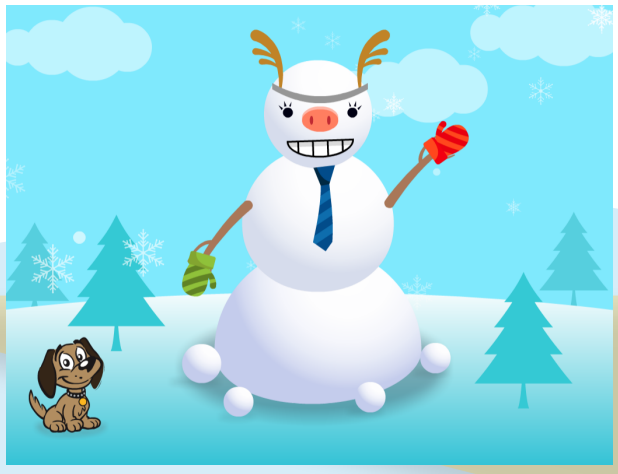
Sites: WINTER FUN *(HISTORY/READING/GAMES)*

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, there are sites that may interest you because... well... they are just plain fun. Check these out!

Build a Snow Person

No cold temperatures to deal with. No wind. You won't even get wet. Check out this site and build your very own snow person.

http://media.abcya.com/games/snowman/flash/snowman.swf



(At the left is one of Jim's non-amazing creations.)

Snowball Fight

http://www.fun4thebrain.com/subtraction/snowballFightSub.swf

Snow Storm

Use the snow plow to clean the parking lot. Can you clean it in the least amount of time possible without hitting the cars?

http://flash.hoodamath.com/snowstorm.swf

Interesting facts for the classroom

January Events

Jan. 3: Drinking Straw Patented, 1888.

Jan. 4: Trivia Day

Louis Braille born, 1809.

Jan. 5: First Woman Governor Inaugurated 1925. (Nellie Ross, Wyoming's Governor)

George Washington Carver Recognition Day

Jan. 8: Elvis Presley born, 1935

Jan. 9: First iPhone introduced in 2007

Jan. 15: First Super Bowl Played in 1967. Green Bay (35) defeated Kansas City (10).

Hat Day The first top hat was worn (1797)

Jan. 16: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Born in 1929 (Observed Third Monday in January)

Jan. 17: Benjamin Franklin born, 1706

Jan. 19: Popcorn Day

Jan. 20: Inauguration Day (Every 4 years: 2013, 2017, 2021)

Cheese Day

First traffic rules published (1900)

Jan. 28: Chinese New Year - Year of the Rooster

National Kazoo Day

Jan. 29: Baseball Hall of Fame established (1936)

National Puzzle Day

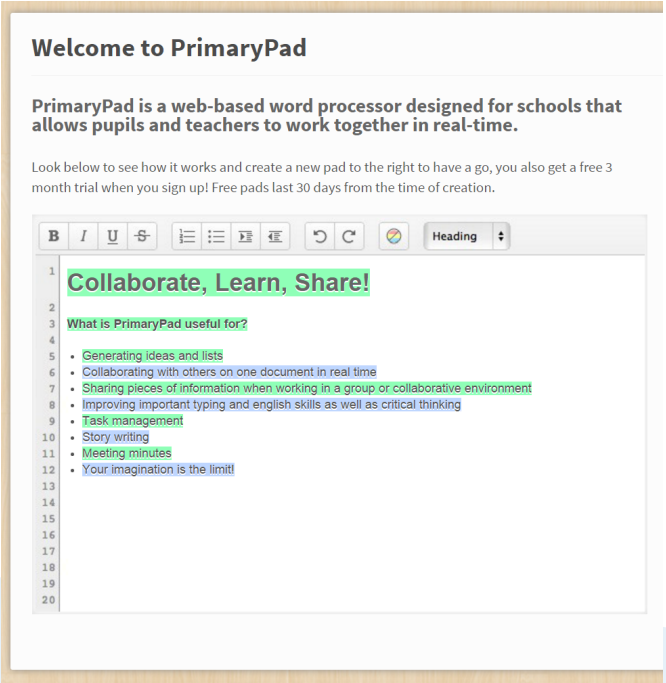
Jan. 30: Franklin D. Roosevelt born, 1882 (23rd President)

Jan. 31: Jackie Robinson born, 1919 (Baseball Great)

https://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars/january.php?printable=1

Site: PrimaryPad

(Productivity/ Collaboration)



Video: What Principals Do On Snow Days

The secret has finally been revealed. We NOW know what Principals do when we have a snow day. Watch this video and enjoy the hard work that takes place while teachers are at home drinking hot cocoa, coffee, or beverage of choice.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZJwgXkTz_c

Productivity:

Ideas for Teachers

Sites To Download Royalty Free and Creative Commons Music For Teachers (Part 1)

- ***Archive's audio and MP3 library:*** *This library contains over two hundred thousand free digital recordings ranging from alternative news programming, to Grateful Dead concerts, to Old Time Radio shows, to book and poetry readings, to original music uploaded by our users. Many of these audios and MP3s are available for free download.*
- ***ArtistServer:*** *Free independent music, 11,000 mp3 downloads by more than 10,000 artists.*
- ***Audiofarm:*** *It´s the best and easiest way to find new and interesting music, audio recordings, people and friends from around the world.*
- ***Audionautix:*** *All music in this online collection created by Jason Shaw. Released under Creative Commons license 3.0 You are free to use the music (even for commercial purposes) as long as you credit "Music from - audionautix.com"OR provide a link to this website from yours. Music must be part of some other created works. No further permission is required.*
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https://elearningindustry.com/321-free-tools-for-teachers-free-educational-technology

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