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Tips & tricks for using
educational technologies...

Links to sites that may help
enhance classroom instruction...

Videos to motivate, teach, or
help lighten the mood...

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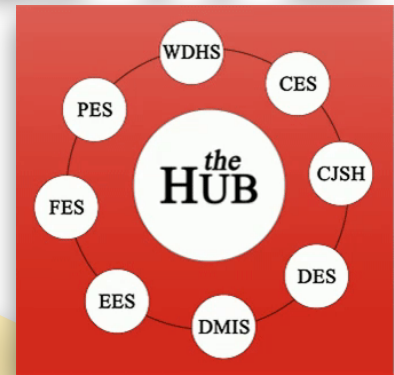
"Use resources that will help you and your students!"

Site: **The HUB** *(Curriculum, PD, Learning)*

If you haven't been a visitor to Western Dubuque's very own **The HUB** site, you've been missing out on a LOT of resources that will provide ideas, tutorials, and professional development opportunities.

The HUB is located at <http://www.wdbqschools.org/TheHUB.aspx> or you can access it by visiting Western Dubuque's home page and clicking on the link under the photo slideshow that's called **HUB**. Jim and Wes spend a lot of time providing tutorials that can assist you when you don't know how to do something with Office 365, Infinite Campus, and many more educational tools.

(<http://www.wdbqschools.org/TheHUB.aspx>)



Site: **eduClipper** *(All subject areas and curriculums)*

eduClipper is born out of the educational need for teachers and students to have a better platform to explore, share, and contribute resources and materials to help enhance teaching and learning of both a formal and personal nature.

Founded by an educator and educational technologist, Adam Bellow, **eduClipper** aims to make it simple to help students and educators save time, build personal learning networks, and begin to shift the culture of assessment to be more holistic and include the wonderfully amazing work that students and teachers are creating in the classroom. *(Text from eduClipper website)*

(<https://educlipper.net/about.html>)

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Site: **TOYS FROM TRASH** *(Science, Art, Elementary)*

"The best thing a child can do with a toy is break it !"

If you are a Science or Art teacher (or just someone who is naturally curious about everything), you need to check out **Toys From Trash**. It provides instructions for an unbelievable amount of items that will excite your students. It shows you ways to create projects out of straws, glasses, paper, string and more. Seriously... check out this site. It's loaded with fun!

(<http://www.arvindguptatoys.com/toys.html>)

Site: **NEWS FOR KIDS** *(All classes and courses)*



Oh, yeah! Finally a site about current events that is designed for kids. It's easy to navigate, easy to read, and provides a large variety of news stories.

News For Kids provides articles about the world, sports, the U.S., science, and more. There is an Archive section that gives students the opportunity to explore past articles.

If you'd like to provide extra knowledge about current events, take a look at this site and see if it could spark a little extra excitement in your classroom.

(<http://htekidsnews.com/>)

Site: **IF IT WERE MY HOME.COM** *(Social Studies)*

The lottery of birth is responsible for much of who we are. If you were not born in the country you were, what would your life be like? Would you be the same person?

IfItWereMyHome.com is your gateway to understanding life outside your home. Use our country comparison tool to compare living conditions in your own country to those of another. Start by selecting a region to compare on the map and begin your exploration. Very cool!

(<http://www.ifitweremyhome.com/>) (Text from IfItWereMyHom.com site)



Month facts for the classroom

September

September 1st, 1830: The poem "Mary had a Little Lamb" was published.

September 2, 1666: The Great Fire of London occurred.

September 5, 1774: The 1st Continental Congress was called to order.

September 5th, 1961: President John F. Kennedy signed a hijacking bill, making air piracy a crime punishable by death or imprisonment.

September 8, 1974: Former President Richard M. Nixon was given an unconditional pardon, for his role in the infamous "Watergate" fiasco by President Gerald Ford.

September 9, 1776: The Continental Congress changed the name of the United Colonies to the United States.

September 11, 2001: The United States was attacked by terrorists. Almost 3,000 people in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington DC died because of the attacks that took place on that day.

September 14, 1901: President William McKinley was shot on September 6, 1901 while attending the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition in New York. He passed away eight days later on.

September 5th: National Cheese Pizza Day

September 9th: National Teddy Bear Day

September 16th: National Play-Doh Day

September 18, 1851: The New York Times published its first edition.

September 19th: International "Talk Like A Pirate Day"

September 24th, 1789: The US Supreme Court was established.

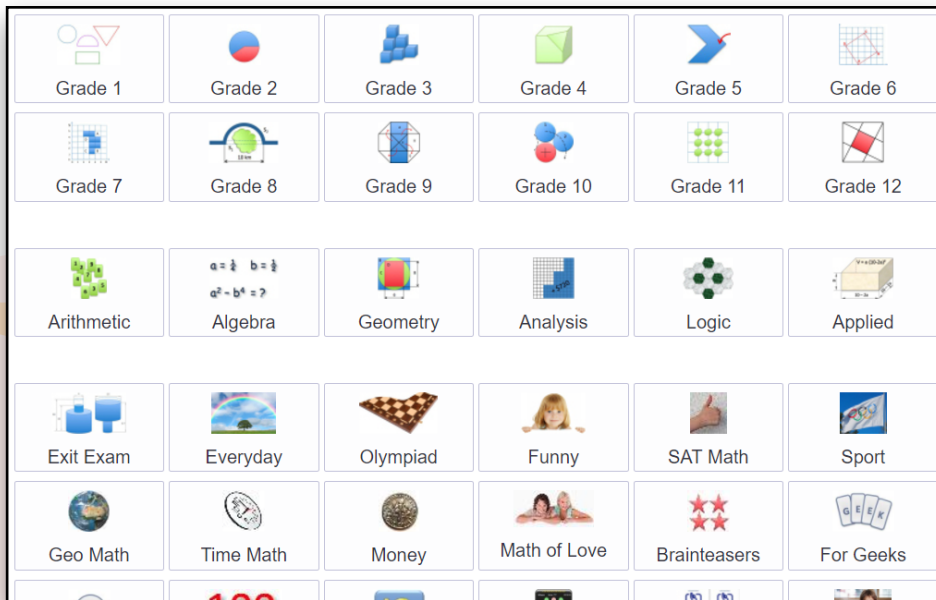
(<https://www.thoughtco.com/september-fun->

Site: MATH AND LOGIC PROBLEMS

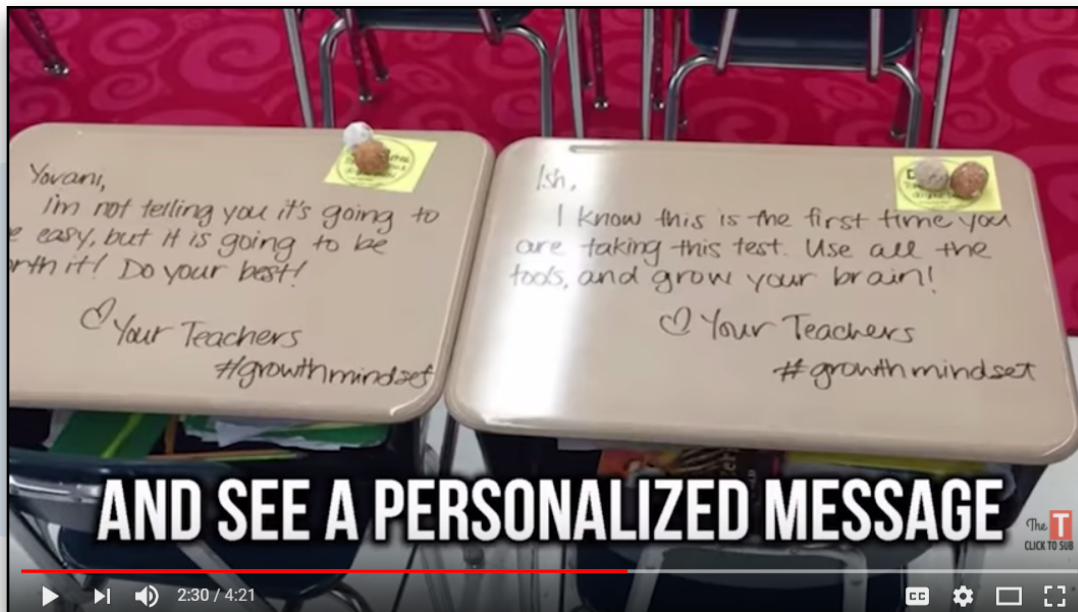
(Math)

If you teach math, check out the **Math and Logic Problems** website. The site has math development activities for grades 1-12 as well as competition challenges. The layout of the page is logical and navigating to specific skills is easy and intuitive. Sites like this can help excite students about math and provides the opportunity to practice developing math skills outside the classroom.

(<https://www.aplusclick.org/>)



Video: 10 Coolest Teachers You Wish You Had



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28x7P1nqNh0>

Fun:

Trivia Facts for the Classroom

- The black boxes in commercial aircrafts, are in fact orange (so does anybody know why it is called a black box?)
- Snakes hear through their jaws.
- Snails can sleep for three years without eating
- You use more calories eating celery then there is in the celery itself
- The earth weights about 6,588,000,000,000 million tons. (how did they measure this?)
- Teeth are the only parts of the human body that can't repair themselves
- Four is the only number in the English language that has the same number of letters in its name as its meaning. (ask the class the question what makes the word FOUR so special?)
- 10,000 hours of tape are recorded during any one series of Big Brother
- The Eiffel Tower in Paris has 2,500,000 rivets in it. (ask your learners to guess first)
- A group of frogs is called an army
- A group of crows is called a murder
- The average person walks the equivalent of twice around world in their lifetime.
- Food can only be tasted if it is mixed with saliva
- More people are alive today, than have ever died
- The elephant is the only animal with four knees
- No words in the English language rhyme with month, orange, silver or purple. (Give your students the challenge to come up with rhyming words first before you tell them that apperantly there are none but this can be proven wrong of course).

<http://knowledgebasecentral.co.nz/TUTOR+RESOURCES/Fun+Stuff/Wow+factos.html>