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Welcome Back



The first day of school sets the tone for the rest of the year. Quickly get-acquainted, communicate expectations, create classroom community, and instill excitement for the new year ahead with some of these ideas back to school lesson plans and classroom ideas:

Talk Time-

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/LAOTalkTime-GetTalking-Good1stDayIdea35.htm>

To get students to talk during the first few days

is far from easy. At a later stage, the really difficult thing is to keep them quiet! For the lesson plan, visit

1st Day Graph-

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/OMathBirthdays-1stDay-BarGraphIdea4.htm>

A good first day of school idea for gathering Students' Birthdays and teaching Bar Graphs too.

M&Ms and Me-

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/GettingToKnowStudentsMMsAndMeBeginSchoolIdea35.htm>

A yummy Ice Breaker

I'm Puzzled- <http://www.lessonplanspage.com/ArtOfFirstWeekActivity-Idea23.htm>

A great activity for the first few minutes of the first day.

More Back to School Lessons and Ideas

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/BackToSchool.htm>

Teachers Corner

<http://www.theteacherscorner.net/seasonal/back-to-school/index.htm>

The First Days of Middle School

<http://www.middleweb.com/1stDResources.html>

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Bucket Fillers

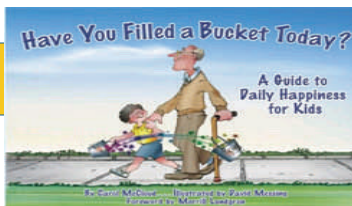
The idea of Bucket Fillers is based on the book "Have You Filled A Bucket Today? (A Guide to Daily Happiness For Kids)" by Carol McCloud. The premise of the book is this...

We all carry an invisible \ bucket that contains our feelings. When our bucket is full, we feel great. When our bucket is empty, we

feel sad.

A bucket filler is someone who says or does nice things for other people. By doing this, they are filling other people's buckets and filling their own bucket at the same time.

On the other hand, a bucket dipper says or does things to cause other peo-



ple to feel bad. A bucket dipper empties their bucket when they say and do mean things.

Consider creating a Bucket Filler display in your classroom and have students periodically share what is in their bucket.

Tip of the Month

Zoom In, Zoom Out

Tired of tiny text when browsing online? Want to see an image a little more up close and personal? You can easily zoom in and out of Web pages.

CTRL + + = Zoom In

CTRL + - = Zoom Out

CTRL + 0 = Zoom Reset

English Classroom Resources

Magnetic Poetry and More: Interactive Language Arts

How do you help your students to love words? You already have lots to do to teach students how to read, write, and speak. How about encouraging your students to get involved with words? Have students play with words using interactive sites. If your students

have laptops or have access to interactive whiteboards, then check out some of these websites:

[Bembo's Zoo](#)

[Building Language for Literacy](#)

[Fridge Magnet Poetry](#)



"Interact" with your students.

[Magnetic Poetry Tiles](#)

[Make a Word](#)

[Quiz Tree](#)

[Road Hog Spelling](#)

[Vocabulary](#)

[Visual Dictionary Online](#)

[Word Ahead](#)

[Word Magnets](#)

[Zoom Playhouse](#)

Math Classroom Resources

Back-to-School Glyph Web Resources

<http://www.mathwire.com/seasonal/school1.html>



Math Lesson Plans

http://math.about.com/od/mathlessonplans/Math_Lesson_Plans.htm

Math lesson plans for grades K-12. A variety of algebra, pre-algebra, calculus, arithmetic, geometry and measurement lesson plans.

Check out these back-to-school glyph ideas for samples that creative teachers have developed and made available on the web.

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them. ~Phil Pastoret

Science & Social Studies & Geography Classroom Resources

SINGING TO LEARN

http://apps.clusterweb.org.uk/forum/messages/1177/singing_to_learn-7466.pdf

A great site with lyrics for many science concepts.

Geography in the News

<http://www.geographyinthenews.rgs.org/>

Current Events Resources

Scholastic

<http://www2.scholastic.com>

MSNBC News

<http://www.msnbc.com/modules/theweekinpictures/default.asp?Oql=cnp>



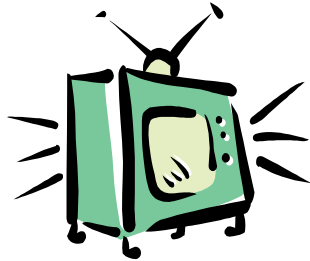
Science is the desire to know causes.
William Hazlitt
(1778-1830)

English Classroom Resources Continued...

Primary Middle High Poetry 180

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/180/>

Designed to make it easy for students to hear and/or read a poem on each of the 180 days of the school year.



"Listen to many, speak to a few."

Wm Shakespeare

LITERATURE LOG RESPONSE STARTERS:

<http://www.d81.w-cook.k12.il.us/lincoln/jzambuto/litresponses.htm>

If your class uses literature logs or journals, you'll want to take a good look at the numerous literature response prompts included in this list.

Jumble Kids Spelling

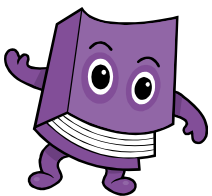
<http://www.uclick.com/client/mwb/tmjkf/>

Fun spelling game using jumbled letters.

Reading Classroom Resources

STORY ONLINE

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>



The Screen Actors Guild sponsors actors reading & talking about stories;

The site includes related activity guides for each story. *Knots on a Counting Rope*, *Stellaluna*, *Sebastian's Roller Skates*, and the *Polar Ex-*

press are just a few of the titles featured.

SPEAKABOOS

<http://speakaboos.com/>

Speakaboos brings classic children's entertainment into a digital world. Beloved characters and treasured stories are given new life through amazing celebrity performances, beautiful il-

lustrations, and original music. The site includes story guides, worksheets, and arts and crafts ideas.

A wonderful thing about a book, in contrast to a computer screen, is that you can take it to bed with you.

~ Daniel J. Boorstin ~

Teacher Tools

THE BEST AND WORST IN PRAISE:

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=7221>

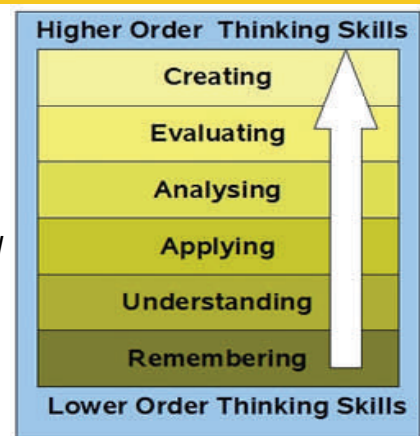
Can we over praise our students? Is there good praise, and then bad praise? According to this article, the answer to both questions above is "yes". Find out why, with some practical techniques for supplying appro-

priate praise for your students.

Bloom's Digital Taxonomy

<http://techlearning.com/article/8670>

Mind map of *Bloom's Revised Digital Taxonomy*.



Common Sense Media

Common Sense Media, a leading non-partisan, non-profit resource that helps families and educators teach kids how to be safe and smart in today's media driven world. Their new program, Common Sense Schools, provides materials to engage parents and teachers in an interactive dialogue about the media kids consume and create. It's available for free online and is designed to give you the flexibility to target the media-related issues, like social networking or cyberbullying, that matter most to your community. For free access to videos and downloadable presentations, tip sheets, and discussion materials that will give you all the tools your school needs to build a school-community partnership around media and technology issues, check out: <http://www.commonsensemedia.org/schools>

TENNESSEE READING SUMMIT

"Every Student a Reader" was the theme of the Tennessee Reading Summit. The resources below were presented at this first annual conference in Murfreesboro. You won't want to miss out on these dynamic resources for best practices in teaching reading and vocabulary across grade levels.

Making and Writing Words

http://www.readingonline.org/articles/art_index.asp?HREF=words/index.html

In Making Words, an innovative word study and word play activity introduced by Pat and Jim Cunningham (1992), students are guided through the process of using a limited number of letters to make a series of words. They begin by creating short words and end with longer ones.

Word Ladders

Grades 1-3

http://www.timrasinski.com/presentations/word_ladders_1-3.pdf

Grades 3-6

http://www.timrasinski.com/presentations/word_ladders_3-6.pdf

Translation Websites

If your ELL students are struggling with the English language, you need to make sure they understand the content presented in the classroom. Providing translations for vocabulary words, classroom phrases, letters sent home, and anything the student needs help with comprehending helps the bridge from their native language to English.

Translation websites provide a translation of text, emails, or whole websites. Many such websites provide word for word translations, which may not be the best choice for a large piece of text. The translation may not

be worded correctly or convey the correct meaning. It is always a good idea to have someone who speaks the language proofread what you have translated. When translating short phrases and single words, translation websites generally give an accurate translation.

REMEMBER: Translating websites are great for short phrases. When in need of translations for large amounts of text, it is best to ask a native speaker of the language being translated.



Learn English

Translation Websites

Langenberg-

<http://translation.langenber.com>

Word to Word Translating-

<http://word2word.com>

Babelfish-

<http://babelfish.yahoo.com>

Google Translate-

<http://translate.google.com>

World Lingo-

<http://worldlingo.com>