

## Week 6 Websites for Teachers

This first site is a bit different – nothing instructional. It is from a site that archives email “stories”. I remember receiving this from someone years ago, but it is still a great reminder about the influence we have on the lives of our students!

ALL OF THE GOOD THINGS:

<http://www.middleweb.com/INCASEmark.html>

Put this motivational article away in a handy spot to retrieve several times throughout the school year, whenever you need a strong reminder of just what it means to be a teacher, touching the lives of your students.

WORD WALL LISTS:

[http://www.k111.k12.il.us/lafayette/FourBlocks/word\\_wall\\_grade\\_level\\_lists.htm](http://www.k111.k12.il.us/lafayette/FourBlocks/word_wall_grade_level_lists.htm)

You can print out numerous lists here to keep you going on a solid classroom word wall for elementary classes throughout the school year. Lists for kindergarten to third grade are covered.

CREATIVE WORD WALL ACTIVITIES:

<http://www.teachingfirst.net/wordwallact.htm>

Once you have constructed a creative word wall with a list of grade-appropriate words, use this link to find wonderful activities for using your word walls, including word wall bingo, erasing relays, vowel hopscotch games, and more.

MULTIPLICATION PATTERNS:

<http://webhome.idirect.com/~stevk/multiplicationpatterns.pdf>

You can use all kinds of various mnemonics to help students recall the multiplication tables, and this printable student worksheet provides a take-home activity along those lines, one which they can keep handy in workbooks to remember patterns of multiplication.

PUMPKIN TEACHING MODULE:

<http://www.niagara.com/infocor/pumpkinfarm/module/default.html>

With resources on How Pumpkins Grow and The Origins of Halloween Traditions, this site offers an early elementary module for fall on pumpkins. Included are various themed puzzles, quizzes, and wordsearches, along with answers.

#### INTERNET SAFETY GAMES FOR KIDS:

<http://www.netsmartzkids.org/tunes/index.htm?page=safeside.htm>

<http://www.internetsuperheroes.org/>

<http://www.netsmartz.org/>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

Try any of the above web sites for interactive activities to help teach internet safety, matching the games available to student age and maturity levels. (As always, please preview all current links and content to ensure appropriateness before allowing student access.)

#### INTERACTIVE HOMEWORK NOTES:

<http://www.timesaversforteachers.com/freeforms/homeworknotdone.pdf>

These interactive notes make it easy to send home a reminder or notification, to both students and their parents, that required homework was not completed. Simply fill in the blanks online and print.

#### SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PACKET:

[http://www.glencoe.com/sec/teachingtoday/downloads/pdf/sub\\_info.pdf](http://www.glencoe.com/sec/teachingtoday/downloads/pdf/sub_info.pdf)

Download and print out these packets to have them handy when you need to bring in a substitute teacher. Included are forms for general classroom information, daily routines, classroom schedules, lists for special needs students and emergency procedures, as well as contacts for school personnel.

#### FIVE EASY TRANSITION ACTIVITIES:

[http://www.glencoe.com/sec/teachingtoday/downloads/pdf/transition\\_activities.pdf](http://www.glencoe.com/sec/teachingtoday/downloads/pdf/transition_activities.pdf)

With students not all finishing their work at the same time, it helps to have some predetermined activities set aside that quick students can complete at their desks independently. These five activities can also be used when your lesson is finished, but it's not bell time yet.

#### MATH WORKSHEETS & WORKSHEET GENERATOR:

<http://www.thecanadianteacher.com/tools/>

<http://www.mathfactcafe.com/view/view.aspx?vid=340&t=P&g=4>

Generate your own printable student worksheets to practice difficult math concepts, such as the greatest common factor here. You can choose your range of multiples, as well as adding a title and instructions. Use the 2nd link above for premade worksheets, including skills builders in fractions, conversions to decimals and percentages, working with money math, and more.

## BUBBLE SHEETS

Generate customized bubble sheets free of charge by going to the following site:

<http://catpin.com/bubbletest/>

**This next item looks like a tremendous opportunity for a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade class!**

YES I Can! Science has now opened registration for what is promising to be a fantastic learning experience for your students - Polar Science 2006.

From October to December, 2006, Dr. Kanatous and his team will be investigating the adaptations that allow young Weddell seals to develop into elite divers. Studying these adaptations may have tremendous implications for human medicine. By understanding how another mammal has successfully overcome the debilitating effects of working under low oxygen conditions, scientists may be able to learn new therapeutic approaches to assist humans with heart or lung disease. Students from grades 4-12 will have the opportunity to read the expedition team's weekly updates, conduct their own experiments and research, and communicate with the scientists through the Polar Science web site. We are very excited about the upcoming expedition. This year we have added something new to the project; an Ice Team and a Lab Team. The Ice Team led by Dr. Kanatous will be performing the field research, analysis and collecting samples from the Weddell seals in Antarctica. The Lab Team, led by Dr. Thomas Hawke will be performing experiments and analyzing samples in his lab at York University in Toronto. The Teams will be in constant communication via email and web logs (that you will get to look in on!). This is a great opportunity to see how research is conducted and you and your students will get the chance to see discoveries made in real-time! As with all YES I Can! Science projects, there is no cost to take part.

The URL: <http://www.polar06.yesican-projects.ca>