TECH BYTES

What You Need for Back to School

Get ready for back to school with these resources. Icebreakers, classroom introduction lessons, and worksheets will help students and teachers learn about each other and feel more at ease in their new setting. The resources will help you learn and remember students' names. From greeting your students to outlining educational objectives to establishing classroom rules, you'll find the tools you need to prepare for your first days.

Icebreakers
http://www.educationworld.com/back_to_school/#icebreaker

Getting to Know Your Students
http://www.educationworld.com/back_to_school/#icebreaker

TeacherVision
https://www.teachervision.com/students/resource/2878.html

New school year...

STEAM
Gamified
TestPrep ADHD
SocialMedia Homework
Art Attention
ExecutiveFunctions Handwriting Reading
SocialSkills
CognitiveSkills Behavior
Extracurriculars
CollegeApplications
CognitiveAssessments Resiliency Depression
Writing Differentiation
Metacognition
TestAnxiety Sleep
SAT
LearningStyles
TestTaking Grit
Sports StudySkills Math
PsychoeducationalTesting
PersonalizedInstruction
ParentalInvolvement
LearningDifferences
21stCenturySkills
Self-Monitoring
LearningScience
SelfAdvocacy
Achievement
Giftedness
College

Music
Dyscalculia
HabitsofMind
Gamification
STEM Self-Awareness Tutoring
GrowthMindset
BrainTraining FlexibleThinking
Spelling Organization StandardizedTesting IEP
Stress Creativity
WorkingMemory Grades AcademicPotential ACT
Dyslexia Listening Parenting
Memorization
Speaking

FAIL

[F] FiRST

[A] ATTEMPT

[I] IN

[L] LEARNING

National Hispanic History Month

Hola! Each year from September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanic Americans are one of the fastest growing population groups in the United States. Today, the Hispanic population comprises 44 million people, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic or race minority. Hispanics constitute 15 percent of the nation's total population; by 2050, the Census Bureau projects Hispanics will comprise 25 percent of the population.

The theme for this year's celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month is Heritage, Diversity, Integrity, and Honor: The Renewed Hope of America

Colorin Colorado
http://www.colorincolorado.org/books-authors/literacy-calendar/hispanic-heritage-month
Scholatic
http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/celebrate-hispanic-heritage-teaching-guide
http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collection/bring-hispanic-heritage-month-life-collection-resources
Times for Kids
http://www.timeforkids.com/minisite/hispanic-heritage-month-1
Education World
http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson203.shtml
Library of Congress
http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/index.html
Smithsonian Education
http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/resource_library/hispanic_resources.html
TeacherVision
https://www.teachervision.com/hispanic-heritage-month/south-america/6629.html
Read Write Think (Grade 5-12)
http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/calendar-activities/hispanic-heritage-month-begins-20293.htm

ASCD® IMPLEMENTING THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT WEBINAR SERIES

http://www.ascd.org/professional-development/webinars/essa-webinar-series.aspx#upcoming

Enactment of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) ushers in a new era for educators, students, and schools. Many of the federal requirements in the areas of accountability, assessments, and school improvement have changed, with many of the decisions about these policies now to be made at the state or local level. As implementation of these changes gets underway, join ASCD in a series of in-depth webinars focusing on key provisions of the new law including testing, accountability, professional development, and school improvement.
Stay informed on the implementation of ESSA and action opportunities.

screenleap

http://www.screenleap.com/

Screenleap is a free web site that enables you to share what's happening on your computer screen with anyone with a web browser, instantly. Viewers can see your screen from any device, including tablets and smartphones. There are no downloads, installs, fees, or sign ups required.

Kids Health offers back to school resources for your children.

EASE BACK INTO SCHOOL

The beginning of school may very well be parents' most favorite time of the year. Even so, the transition for parents and kids can be a little rough. Here's help to ease you and your child into the back-to-school groove.

A Parent's Guide to the First Six Weeks of School

How You Can Become a Champion of Digital Citizenship in Your Classroom
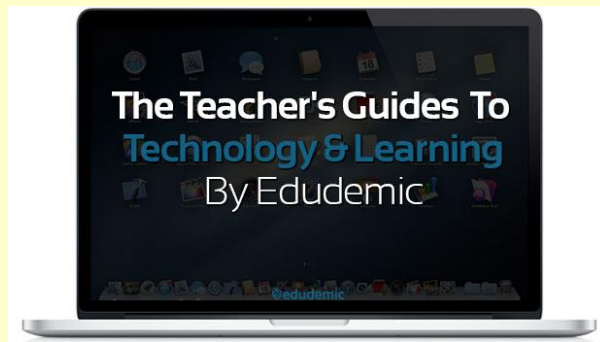

As teachers, it is now part of our responsibility to lead by example when it comes to sound digital citizenship practices. As soon as children have devices in their hands, they should be educated about digital citizenship and their digital footprint. Think about this: even before babies are born, they have a digital shadow, because pictures and other media are shared about them via various social media outlets.

http://tinyurl.com/j5su7lt

The Ultimate STEM Guide for Kids: 239 Cool Sites About Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
http://tinyurl.com/qj5cuyt

- Teacher's Guide to Twitter
- The Teacher's Guide To Flipped Classrooms
- The Teacher's Guide To Google Glass
- The Teacher's Guide To The Library Of Congress
- The Teacher's Guide To Keeping Students Safe Online
- The Teacher's Guide To Pinterest In The Classroom
- The Teacher's Guide To Digital Scavenger Hunts

What is an Extension?

YouTube Video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MC9Cppt-6J0
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Google
Apps for Education

GOOGLE UPDATES
Google adds new features to Classroom, Forms, and more….
http://tinyurl.com/zcbbgat

Taking Learning Beyond Classroom Walls with New Features for Back to School
http://tinyurl.com/hta4o4j

10 Things Every Teacher Should Know How To Do With Google Docs

Google Docs is a powerful word processing tool that many schools have adopted. As it's similar to Microsoft Word and other word processing tools, most of its features are intuitive to use. However, in addition to completing many of the functions of a traditional word processor, Google Docs provides even more capabilities that can be invaluable to educators. Explore these ten tricks that can make your life easier with Google Docs.
http://www.edudemic.com/10-things-every-teacher-know-google-docs/

Grants and Opportunities

grant wrangler
Find Funding Fast for K-12 Schools

Grant Wrangler® is a free grant listing service offered by Nimble Press™. The make it easier for educators, school libraries, and parents to find school funding. The site has grants for teachers, school grants, and money for arts, history, mathematics, science, technology, literacy, and more. It also help education foundations, community foundations, corporate foundations, and other grant-giving organizations more effectively promote their grants and awards to teachers and schools.

http://www.grantwrangler.com/

Administrator's Resource Corner

It's Back-to-School Time for Administrators, Too

Education World has gathered great resources from our archive that offer advice, tips, and resources all principals should have at their fingertips. Included: Fund-raising ideas, recess success resources, parent involvement strategies, and much more.

We have divided the resources into five categories:

- Preparing for the first day
- Motivating teachers
- Planning for professional development
- Involving parents
- Achieving technology success

Browse through the headlines in each section, and find great resources that will reduce stress and improve school quality.

http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin231.shtml

TECHNOLOGY HUMOR

GLASBERGEN

"I hacked into the school computer and changed all my grades. Then the school hacked into my computer and deleted all my games!"

ANDERSON

"So this software... Does it tell you to do things?"

Smart Home Technology is Here!

GLASBERGEN

"I don't need lightbulbs I can control with my phone. I need children I can control with my phone!"

GLASBERGEN

"You've got a song in your heart. But with today's MP3 digital technology, your heart can hold over 10,000 songs!"