



TECH BYTES



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Scholastic Summer Reading

<http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2015>

Keep Students Reading and Learning All Summer Long!

Summer Reading Video

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/articles/summerreading>

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge student registration is open for Educators to help stop the "Summer Slide". As summertime approaches, kids look forward to their time off. But there's one thing kids shouldn't take a break from over the summer: reading.

The Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge™ is a free online reading program for children. Join today and let's set a new reading world record for summer 2015! (May 4 - Sept 4, 2015)

And top it all off with a challenge! Read for the World Record is a global effort to set a world record for summer reading. Kids can join their school team and log their reading minutes online - and the winners are featured in the Scholastic Book of World Records!

Grand Prize: the schools with the most minutes read will win a visit from Michael Northrop (top elementary school), and Varian Johnson (top middle school). Visit the website to register your class.



May 5th

Cinco de Mayo marks the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. This date symbolizes Mexican pride, unity, and patriotism. These lesson plans, activities, and thematic units will introduce your class to this holiday and its meaning.

Teach-nology

http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/lesson_plans/holidays/cinco-demayo/

Scholastic

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collection/cinco-de-mayo>

Apples 4 the Teachers

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/cinco-de-mayo/>

Teachers First

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/holiday/cinco.cfm>

A to Z Teacher Stuff

<http://themes.atozteacherstuff.com/826/cinco-de-mayo-activities-printables-lessons-and-teaching-ideas/>



Kids.gov May Events Calendar

<http://kids.usa.gov/grown-ups/calendar/may/index.shtml>

Calendar Topics

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
 - Jewish American Heritage Month
- National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
 - Local Farmers Markets
 - Swimming and Water Safety
 - Visit Your Library
 - Air Quality Awareness Week
 - Memorial Day



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Teaching the Core Common Core Video Exemplars

http://www.teachingthecore.org/common_core_videos?sort=&q

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust funded the development of this collection of classroom videos and associated lesson materials to help K-12 educators implement the instructional shifts required by the Common Core State Standards. Each videotaped lesson includes descriptive annotations that identify lesson elements, and teacher and student actions and behaviors, that support Common Core learning.



The Homework Helpdesk

<https://homeworkhelpdesk.org/>

Have a question? Raise your hand! Simply click to chat with one of our experts about your child's homework questions.



Microsoft EduCast

Microsoft EduCast brings together academic leaders, innovative institutions and pioneering educators in a monthly series for educators. As live webinars, this series is delivered through an interactive platform that lets attendees from around the world chat together and get their questions answered directly from presenters. Join the community by registering to attend.

May Webinar: Bringing the World into Your Classroom with Skype in the Classroom and Bing in the Classroom

<http://tinyurl.com/kjbsgmq>

Today's classroom has no walls. Delight your students by connecting with students on the other side of the world through Mystery Skype, or add new spark to any lesson by inviting a guest speaker through Skype in the Classroom. Bing in the Classroom provides daily inspiration through lesson plans around a different topic each day, bringing something new to the class each day. Experts from the Skype and Bing teams will show you how to use these tools to make your classroom more colorful and exciting!



Paper Port Note

PaperPort Notes is my latest amazing find. This is a free app that will import documents from DropBox, Evernote, or a number of other online sites, and let you annotate write on top of them. You can even place a text box on the page and either type or have Dragon voice recognition transcribe your words to text through the microphone. You can keep a collection of documents and share finished products with others. I did find that it was sometimes hard to re-select a text box that had been made, but the learning curve was not steep.



<https://kaizena.com/>

High quality feedback means students are not only getting feedback, but also timely feedback, personalized feedback, peer feedback, actionable feedback, continuous feedback. Every teacher wants to help their students improve, but it's impossible for them to focus so deeply on the art of high quality feedback with every student for every skill in every class.

Our mission is to empower students to improve skills through feedback from their peers and teachers.

Chromebook Tips



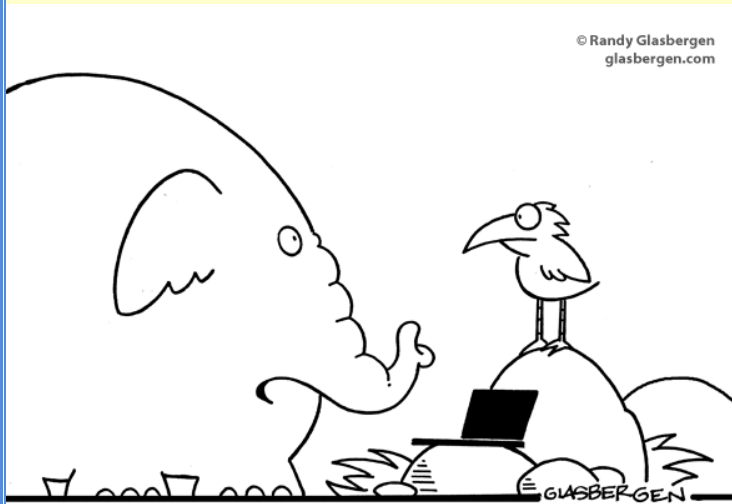
Chromebook Frequently Asked Questions

<https://productforums.google.com/forum/#!category-topic/chromebook-central/7301Jv7NWc8>

Chromebook How to Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLapNrVLRzrMiwXjdqDNDOnK6RN-dMnbb&&rd=1>

TECHNOLOGY HUMOR



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"They say an elephant never forgets, but that was before I had so many passwords, user names and PIN numbers!"

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"I guess it's been a while since you've shopped off-line. It's not necessary to double-click my nose!"



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"I looked up your symptoms on Google. If you want a second opinion, I can check Yahoo."



"I'm trying to be more active. Which one burns more calories, Twittering, Blogging or Googling?"