ED TECH TIPS

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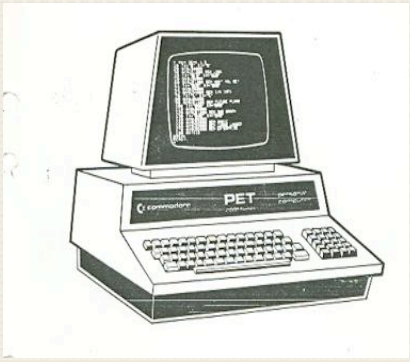

Fill Your Technology Toolbox

Many people are fond of the beginning of the school year. New pencils, a new pair of jeans, reconnecting with school friends after a long summer apart, and a fresh start are just a few things that make the beginning of the school year exciting. As teachers, we can freshen up our lessons by utilizing some of the engaging web tools listed below. Think about starting out using one of the creation tools to generate instructional materials, then consider letting your students use the tool to create artifacts to show content mastery.

DISCOVERY EDUCATION

HTTP://WWW.DISCOVERYEDUCATION.COM/

USERNAME:

PASSWORD:

Need your school's code or your account information? See your Media Specialist or ITRT!

PD360

HTTP://WWW.PD360.COM/

USERNAME:

PASSWORD:

Network with colleagues, and access professional development content 24/7/365. If you are new to a building, or just need your account information, see your ITRT.

SOUND CLIPS

HTTP://SOUNDCLI.PS/

Spice up your presentations, games, and podcasts with free sound effects.

VDOE

HTTP://WWW.DOE.VIRGINIA.GOV/TESTING/TEACHER_DIRECT/

Check out VDOE's revamped site that provides easy access to hundreds of resources.

GO ANIMATE

HTTP://GOANIMATE.COM/

USERNAME:

PASSWORD:

Join for free to begin creating your own animated scenes using a variety of stock characters, voices, and backgrounds. Check out new election-themed backdrops and characters.

BIG HUGE LABS

HTTP://BIGHUGELABS.COM/

Have students synthesize, categorize, and analyze pictures and content to create electronic posters, magazine covers, trading cards, ID badges, CD covers, and picture cubes to show content mastery.

USERNAME:

PASSWORD:

STORY BIRD

HTTP://STORYBIRD.COM/

USERNAME:

PASSWORD:

Create online story books with your students.

PRELOADED TOOLS

PHOTO STORY

SNIPPING TOOL

Create digital story books and snag screen shots using these preloaded tools.

VOCABULARY

HTTP://WWW.VOCABAHEAD.COM/

Make those definitions memorable by showing students words in this online visual video dictionary.

SOCIAL BOOKMARKING

HTTP://PINTEREST.COM/

USERNAME:

PASSWORD:

Get inspired! Find and share ideas and web resources with pinners around the world.

VIDEOS

HTTP://WWW.NEOK12.COM/

HTTP://TEACHERTUBE.COM/

ITUNES U

Explore these video sites for great SOL-related content. VDOE even has its own iTunes channel.

POSTERS

HTTP://WWW.POSTERMYWALL.COM

HTTP://WWW.BLOCKPOSTERS.COM/

HTTP://WWW.SAYS-IT.COM/

Design, save, and print poster mashups and cut ups.

FILE SHARING

HTTP://PASTELINK.ME/

Share large files easily without having to create an account.

TEXT GENERATOR

HTTP://TATTOOLETTERINGGENERATOR.COM/

HTTP://WWW.TATTOOLETTERING.NET/

HTTP://YOURGEN.COM/

HTTP://SUPALOGO.COM/

Trick out your presentations and handouts with these fun text image generators.

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