



Jen's Thoughts

"Get over the idea that only children should spend their time in study. Be a student so long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life."

Henry L. Doherty

When I taught in the classroom (about 5 years ago), I used to have a rule.....

If a student taught me something I did not know....they were rewarded. Sometimes with a pencil, maybe a treat, just a little something that said thanks.

Personally, I have no problem from learning from whoever is willing to teach me. (smiles, as long as they don't become condescending towards me.)

One of the most repeated excuses I from teachers on why they don't use the opportunities of tech in the classroom is that they don't wish to appear "unknowing" to their students. They feel that the students know so much more.

Hmmm....that excuse just does not hold water for me. True, the student might know how to "USE" the tool but that does not mean they are using the tool always in a USEFUL way.

As teachers, we are able to see the tools and then create an environment of learning for a students. Maybe they will teach us HOW...but hopefully, we can begin to share with them WHY.

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Barnes & Noble Educator's Kit

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/>

Wondering how to get your students excited about summer reading? Partner with Barnes & Noble's Summer Reading program! This year, they have invited author Rick Riordan to help foster a love of reading and its rewards.

Begin with the Barnes & Noble Educator's Kit, which features ideas to help you encourage kids to read as well as great activities.

Sites of the Month MATH MAGIC

Stunning Your Friends

<http://www.cut-the-knot.org/arithmetric/rapid/magic.shtml>

Number Magic

<http://www.jimloy.com/puzz/magic.htm>

Chevron Cars

<http://www.chevrontcars.com/learn/fun-games/math-magic-tricks>

Making Math Fun

<http://www.greenleecds.com/mathdownloads.html>

Wild About Math

<http://wildaboutmath.com/category/trick/>

Math-e Magician

http://www.10ticks.co.uk/s_mathemagician.aspx

30 Minute Tech Tip

Creating A Slide Show

Slide.com is a free site where teachers can create slideshows & more to share online with students, families, and friends!!

<http://www.slide.com>

To create slide show

Click on the MAKE A SLIDESHOW button on the homepage.

Click on BROWSE to locate your images on your computer, cd, flash drive, etc.

(Use the control/command key) to select multiple pictures.)

Once the picture is uploaded – it will appear in a popup window. If you need to rotate the picture, you will see arrows on the left and the right of the picture.

This is where you can also add a caption to label or be more descriptive about the photo.

Customize Your Slide Show

After you have added all your images, look to the right and you will see the Customize tabs.

You can also add music, effects, change the size, and chose whether you wish your show to be public or private.

You also can set the speed for any of your animations and click for more options.

You will be able to preview ANY of the customizations you have made to your picture (or Pictures)

Before saving your show – be sure to NAME your show.

Saving Your Show

Once you click on SAVE, you will be taken to an area where you can add the names of the people who created this show. You can also add in their picture or clipart here.

You will need to add your name and email on the far right and provide a password for this slideshow. This password will allow edit the show again if you need to.

Once you click on SAVE, you will be taken to the screen that will give you the code you will need to paste onto your blog, wiki, or webpage. If you are a Facebook user, you can also save it to there.

OR you can copy paste the Share This Slide Show and paste that onto your webpage, email, newsletter, etc.

Ms. Winston – our Teacher Site of the Month – has several examples on her slide show page.

<http://www.slide.com>



As always, remember to use discretion when sending students to sites.

Teacher Site Of The Month

Ms. Winston

Second Grade teacher at Scott Elementary



Ms. Winston has put together a very nice site for her students, for teachers, and for parents.

If nothing else, be sure to check out her documents

available at http://www.mswinston.com/my_documents.html



Each month, she has a snazzy snack idea that integrates math, handwriting, and language arts into her classroom in a fun & edible way.

The links on her teacher site has introduced me to some new possibilities (and thanks for the link to my site too!)

Ms. Winston's graphics come from [ThisleGirl Designs!](http://www.thislegirl.com)



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