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Illinois Computer Educator's (ICE) Conference is February 26– March 1

Conveniently planned right before the ISAT, perfect right? I'll email you the session descriptions once they've been published. [Here are the speakers.](#)



Google Drive Coming to Third Grade Students

Soon!

All 4th grade students now have a D90 Google account that allows them to sign in and store their work online. This is a great development b/c now the kids do not have to save their work to the server and they can access it from home anytime. Next up? 3rd grade accounts will be set up by the end of November. Mr. Strains, Mrs. Rudy and Mr. Cheney have begun using these accounts so feel free to ask them about their experiences.



Download and use Google Chrome for Your Browser

Instead of using Safari or Firefox I think you should switch to Chrome. Its homepage is kind of like an ipad in that you can download "apps" (such as googledocs (now called Drive) that are ready whenever you open your browser. It also allows you to sign in to both your personal gmail account and your D90 account and switch in between the two seamlessly. See this

article for more info: <http://www.vikitech.com/7787/top-5-reasons-chrome-best-browser>.

Dongle in iPad Cart

A dongle is that white thing that connects the projector to your laptop. We have a new dongle that allows you to hook up an ipad to your projector. It's located on the inside door of the ipad cart, secured by velcro.



Overdrive App Allows for Students to Check Out Books From RFPL on iPads

This is now downloaded on the ipads in the carts. By using their River Forest Public Library account your students can check out ebooks and read them on our ipads. Your students will need to know their library ID #. If you want to experiment with this please let me know!

Looking for Apps? Try <http://teacherswithapps.com/>

Diane's Recommendations for Literacy Websites

[MAP Reading Practice by Lexile Level](#) (for students, laptops only)

www.pbskids.org/lions (for students, laptops only)

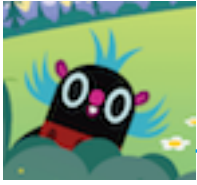
www.readingrockets.org (for parents/teachers, accessible on laptops and ipads)

www.spellingcity.com (for students, accessible on ipads and laptops)

www.starfall.com (for primary students, laptops only)

www.zoophonics.com (for parents, laptops only)

<http://www.primarygames.com/reading> (for students, laptops only)



Teach Your Monster to Read is an AWESOME FREE PHONICS GAME!

I think this would be a fun site for K-2 and any kids who need phonics help. I'd love to set up the accounts for your class. This site could be used in your computer center or in the lab. Check out this overview of how it works:

https://dl.dropbox.com/u/6977907/Websites/TeachYourMonsterToRead/GameGuide_final.pdf and <http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

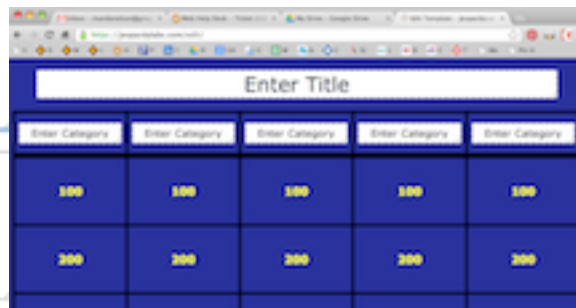
Do You Play Classroom Jeopardy?

This is easier than using PowerPoint to create a classroom Jeopardy game and it can be used by any grade level. You just type in the questions and answers and it formats the rest for you. Visit [Jeopardy Labs](#).

Answer (Jeopardy is backwards, so this appears first, and your audience guesses the "question")

Question

What is



Snakes are Born This Way Music Video

This is a really fun video by a 2nd grade class performing "Snakes are Born this Way" to the tune of Lady Gaga's "Born This Way". If you want to make a music video with your class let me know. I've never done it before and it could be really fun (and educational). It'd be ideal to have it on a topic where they need to memorize a lot of information.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXcZ4srsLx4&feature=share>



Great Site for Creating Graphs

If you are teaching about graphing this [site](#) may interest you. Kids can input their data and a graph will appear. You can choose whether it's a pie, bar, line etc graph. I could host you in the computer lab once you have your data and we could make the graphs together.

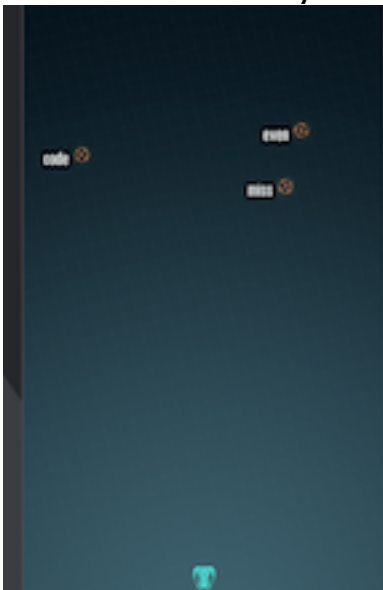


PBS Kids Math Games

They have a lot of educational and fun math games [here](#). Try "Stop That Creature" to help kids learn about input/output tables. These are NOT accessible on ipads.

More Fun than Custom Typing

Have your kids play [this game](#) to work on their typing. You have to spell the falling word before it touches the bottom of the screen. It shoots fire at the letters so your gamers will like it!





Steve Spangler's Science Videos

This guy has a great [Youtube channel](#) that demos experiments that kids can do at home with their parents (or you can do in class with them). The videos are about 2–5 min long. Or, he has longer science videos here: <http://www.stevespanglerscience.com/the-spangler-effect.html>.

Let me know if you read this!

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