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Free Teaching Materials

Discovery School – Hosts many free educational tools
<http://school.discovery.com/>

Teacher Domain – Educational and professional development
multimedia resources
<http://www.teachersdomain.org/exhibits/hew06-ex/index.html>

News from NASA

As NASA plans to return to the moon, plant growth will be an important part of space exploration. NASA scientists anticipate that astronauts may be able to grow plants on the moon in specialized plant growth chambers. Come participate and build your own lunar growth chamber in the NASA Engineering Design Challenge!

Through the NASA Engineering Design Challenge, elementary, middle and high school students will:

- Design, build, and evaluate lunar plant growth chambers
- Receive cinnamon basil seeds flown on STS-118
- Test lunar growth chambers by growing and comparing both space-flown and earth-based control seeds

Visit <http://www.nasa.gov/education/plantchallenge> to register and to receive more information about the NASA Engineering Design Challenge. You can also sign up for the NASA Express listserv to receive e-mail updates about the challenge and other NASA education activities.

Join the NASA Engineering Design Challenge and be part of space exploration by growing seeds flown in space!

November Events and Themes

Connected Classroom Calendar

<http://www.classroom.com/community/connection/calendar.jhtml;jsessionid=IATEDEC3JOJCHQFICQFSFEWAVAKAWN5C?month=11&year=2006>

Planet Diary Site for students grades K-12 that records the events and phenomena that affect Earth and its residents.

<http://www.phschool.com/science/planetdiary/calendar/index.html>

A-Z Kid's Stuff Calendars

<http://www.atozkidsstuff.com/calendars.html>

Monthly Activity Calendar from Enchanted Learning

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/activitycalendars/2007/nov.shtml>

Special Days

Patriotic Links

American Stationary Primary

http://www.primarygames.com/print_zone/stationery/america.htm

American Stationary Older

http://www.primarygames.com/print_zone/stationery/older/america.htm

Patriotic Crafts

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/patriotic/>

Nov. 6 John Phillip Sousa's Birthday

<http://www.dws.org/sousa/about.htm>

His Music

<http://www.dws.org/sousa/works.htm>

Veteran's Day, November 11

Stars and Stripes Forever: Veterans Day Quiz

<http://www.familyeducation.com/quiz/0,1399,3-3830,00.html>

Veteran's Day

<http://www.vickiblackwell.com/memorial.html>

Abigail Adams Birthday November 11

The wife of John Adams she left her country a most remarkable record as patriot, First Lady, wife of one President, and mother of another.

White House Accounts of First Ladies

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/firstladies/aa2.html>

Abraham Lincoln Gettysburg Address November 19, 1863

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address November 19, 1863

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/gadd/ga.html>

Lincoln Online

<http://showcase.netins.net/web/creative/lincoln.html>

Colonial America

A Day with Felicity

Taken from the American Girls collection, students can make their own adventure in Colonial America.

<http://www.americangirl.com/agcn/felicity/>

Colonial America K-12 Resources

<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/colonial.htm>

Scenes from the Eastern Woodlands

<http://nativetech.org/scenes/>

Learn about Early American Lesson Plans and Activities

http://coreknowledge.org/CK/resrcs/lessons/06_3_EarlyAm.pdf

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Words and Vocabulary

http://www.cdli.ca/CITE/8_thanksgiving.pdf

The First Thanksgiving

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/thanksgiving/>

Critical Thinking Lesson Plans for Thanksgiving

Plymouth and Her People

<http://pilgrims.net/plymouth/history/>

Thanksgiving Poems, Plays and Fun

Thanksgiving Songs and Poems

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems9.html>

The Meal Must Go On

<http://tqjunior.thinkquest.org/5291/skit.html>

Thanksgiving Sites

<http://www.holidays.net/thanksgiving/>

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/thanks/>

December Events and Themes

Christmas Countdown Calendar –

<http://woodlands->

junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/Xmas/calendar/index.html

December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor Day

National Geographic --

Remembering Pearl Harbor

<http://plasma.nationalgeographic.com/pearlharbor/>

December Celebrations – History and Traditions

Hanukkah

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/holidays/hanukkah/index.html>

Christmas

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/holidays/christmas/index.html>

Kawanzaa

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/holidays/kwanzaa/index.html>

The Wright Brothers' First Flight, Dec 17, 1903

American Memory from the Library of Congress. Be sure to click on the underlined links for more information from the site.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/dec17.html>

Winter Solstice, Dec. 21

The winter solstice is the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and longest in the Southern Hemisphere.

Earth Viewer

<http://www.fourmilab.ch/cgi-bin/uncgi/Earth/action?opt=-p&img=learth.evif>

Winter

December Goodies

<http://www.bry-backmanor.org/december/index.html>

A-Z Christmas Printables

<http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/Printables/Christmas/>

Christmas December 25

Christmas Traditions Scavenger Hunt

<http://www.henry.k12.ga.us/pges/projects/around.htm>

Christmas Around the World

<http://www.the-north-pole.com/around/>

General Holiday Sites

Christmas at ABC Teach

<http://www.abcteach.com/ChristmasChristmasTOC.htm>

Christmas on the Net

<http://www.holidays.net/christmas/>

Christmas Greetings in Many Languages

<http://www.holidays.net/christmas/voices.htm>

Christmas at Kid's Domain

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/xmas/index.html>

Billy Bear's Christmas

<http://billybear4kids.com/holidays/christmas/christms.htm>

Santa's Village

<http://www.northpole.com/Village.html>

Activity Village Christmas

http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/christmas_pages.htm

Texas Admitted to the Union

December 29, 1845

Lone Star Junction

<http://www.lsjunction.com/>

Spotlight Sites

Math

Speed Math --High powered math games from Jefferson Labs.

SpeedMath Deluxe

<http://education.jlab.org/smdeluxe/index.html>

SpeedMath - Addition and Subtraction

<http://education.jlab.org/smadd/index.html>

SpeedMath - Multiply and Divide

<http://education.jlab.org/smmult/index.html>

SpeedMath - Inequalities

<http://education.jlab.org/sminequality/index.html>

Reading Language Arts

UDL Bookbuilder --!WOW! Create your own interactive book with talking characters.

<http://bookbuilder.cast.org/>

Thanksgiving Story Prompts

<http://abcteach.com/Thanksgiving/storystarters.htm>

Thanksgiving Writing Exercises

<http://abcteach.com/Christmas/turkey.htm>

<http://abcteach.com/Thanksgiving/menu.htm>

Thanksgiving Shape Book Patterns

<http://abcteach.com/shapebooks/Holidays/hat.htm>

Science

Earth Science World Image Bank

Hundreds of high quality images are available for topics ranging from archeology and beaches to waterfalls and weather.

<http://www.earthscienceworld.org/imagebank/index.html>

Forces of Nature

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/forcesofnature/>

Social Studies

"One-Stop Research" is a search engine that

digs back into "a century of highly informative articles, maps, photos, video and other National Geographic resources."

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/onestop/>

National Geographic News for Kids

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

MapMachine

<http://nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine/>

Not only does it zoom in and out and offer all kinds of maps (historical, street, topographical, ecological, etc.), it links to short country profiles and fact files, as well as to the CIA Fact Book entry for that country.

Early Childhood

Thanksgiving Poems

http://preschooexpress.com/music_station03/music_station_nov03.shtml

Scarecrow Theme unit

<http://www.teachingheart.net/scarecrow.html>

<http://www.kinderthemes.com/scarecrow.html>

<http://www.kinderkorner.com/scarecrow.html>

General

International Digital Children's Library – a most amazing site for children's literature from around the world. Check it out!

<http://www.icdlbooks.org/>

Media Now!

This section will feature Internet materials available for the classroom such as videos and podcasts.

Professional Development Video on Demand

Anneberg Media -- *Teacher resources and teacher professional development programming across the curriculum*

<http://www.learner.org/>

Teacher Domain – Educational and professional development multimedia resources

<http://www.teachersdomain.org/exhibits/hew06-ex/index.html>

Online and In Charge

Internet filters are not foolproof – education is the best protection. Kids need to know the ground rules of Internet safety to be less vulnerable to inappropriate content and other Internet threats. Use these tools to get the message across in your classroom

Media Awareness: Joe Cool or Joe Full

http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/special_initiatives/games/joecool_joefool/

Administrivia...

This newsletter is designed to provide teachers with quick access to Internet sites that correlate with the curriculum. Click on the highlighted links to visit the sites listed here.

I would be glad to accept requests for links that would enrich your curriculum, theme units, or seasonal units. E-mail me at adixon@esc18.net with your requests.

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