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General Questions

1. Have you created your own web page? If yes, please describe the purpose of the web page and provide the link if available.

Yes, I have created my own web page. The purpose of this web page is to share information and resources with my students and their parents. The link to this web page is <http://www.usd345.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=562&>.

2. Have you used technology in your class? If so, describe the programs or applications that you used and for what purpose.

I have used technology to a great extent in my class. This year my school received the Technology Rich Classroom grant from the State of Kansas, so we use technology on a daily basis. We use the Renaissance Learning programs Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Math. Both of these programs allow students to work at their own pace. I have used Keynote for my students to create All About Me presentations to share with their parents at Parent Night. I use a SMART Board daily for lessons, mainly in math. I have also made use of our SMART Response system to collect student responses on quizzes. My class has also made use of many internet resources, such as Wallwisher and Study Island to practice various skills.

3. Have you used any the following programs: Power point, spreadsheet, database?

Yes, I have used PowerPoint, Spreadsheet and Database.

4. What other software programs have you used in an educational setting?

The main software program I have used in an educational setting has been Kidspiration. I also use SMART Notebook on a daily basis and the Accelerated Math program.

5. What do you expect to learn from this course?

I expect to learn new and innovative ways to incorporate technology into my student's daily routine. I also expect to learn about more of the resources that are available to help me make technology a fun and exciting part of learning for my students.

6. In one or two sentences explain your central belief about how technology can best be used to enrich education?

Technology can best enrich education by engaging students in their own learning and presenting the information to them in a way that is meaningful to them.

Search Questions

1. Consider your philosophy of learning and/or teaching and find at least three web sites that reflect your philosophy. Reply with a short (<50 words) description that describes your philosophy and how the affiliated web site(s) reflect your philosophy.

My philosophy about learning is that students learn best by doing. Through the use of technological tools, students can obtain the 21st century skills that will make them successful members of society. It is my job as a teacher to make sure my students have these skills.

1. International Society for Technology in Education - www.iste.org
2. Partnership for 21st Century Skills - www.p21.org
3. Technology Rich Classroom Program - www.kansastrc.org

2. Find a picture of the state capital building in the state where you were born. Provide the URL for the picture and briefly describe your home state's capital building's architecture. Also explain how many people currently live in the state where you were born and the area of your home state in square miles.



http://www.kssos.org/resources/kansaskids_fieldtrip.html

According to <http://www.kshs.org/places/capitol/history.htm>, the Kansas state capitol building in Topeka was designed by E. Townsend Mix. Mix used a design of French Renaissance architecture with Corinthian composite details. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the population in Kansas in 2009 was approximately 2,818,747 and covers 81,814.88 square miles of land. (<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/20000.html>).

3. How many cars were parked in the parking lot just to the north of the Pearson building when the last Google Earth photo of the building was taken?

From the photo, it appears that there are 35 cars in the parking lot.

4. Translate this question and provide a brief response in Spanish. ¿Cuál es su deporte favorito, película y actor?

Mi deporte favorito es el baloncesto. Mi película favorita es Volver al Futuro. Mi actor favorito es Bradley Cooper.

5. Provide the longitude and latitude of a parent/friend's house and how many other houses there are on that block. If the house is not on a block, how many houses are there between the your parent/friends house and the closest major intersection (not including the private road that leads to the house).

My parents live at 39°08'23.27"N and 95°40'36.53"W. There is only one other house on their block.

One-Liner About Learning

You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives. ~Clay P. Bedford

<http://www.quotegarden.com/learning.html>

One-Liner About Technology

If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow. John Dewey

<http://www.slideshare.net/tonyvincent/education-technology-quotes>

The number one benefit of information technology is that it empowers people to do what they want to do. It lets people be creative. It lets people be productive. It lets people learn things they didn't think they could learn before, and so in a sense it is all about potential. Steve Ballmer

http://www.woopidoo.com/business_quotes/learning-quotes.htm