Education Appreciation Newsletter - Sept, 23, 2009

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ATTENTION TEACHERS:
This newsletter has lessons and activities tied to timely events. Check out our websites for much more for all grades and subjects.

1. Timesaving Website for ALL Subjects and ALL Grades by teaching objective. **www.educationappreciation.com** (passcode: **FORTSTOCKTON**).

2. Newsletter. Click the following link. Fill out the form to receive the newsletter directly to your e-mail of choice not having to wait for the newsletter to be forwarded from your district/school contact. **www.educationappreciation.com/EAnewsletter.html**.

3. Homework Help and much more at: **www.edhelpforparents.com** (passcode: **FORTSTOCKTON**).
Click from home on the exact grade, subject and topic to get that extra explanation or practice from home. Link to this on your teacher page or local school website. Use for tutoring, etc.

4. Flyer. Download the flyer explaining our site
Give the flyer to your students, PTA or parents at Meet the Teacher Night. Use the site in numerous ways such as tutoring, posting on your local website, or using in special programs. Download flyers at: **www.appreciationbenefits.com/EFI_Flyers.html**. (passcode: **FORTSTOCKTON**)

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH - Sept. 15-Oct. 15

Hispanic Heritage Month (gr. K-8)
Lots of activities.
http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/hispanic/index.htm.

Hispanic Heritage Resources for Teachers (K-12)
These lesson plans, printables, activities, and references are for Language Arts, Social Studies, Music and Art classes.
http://www.teachervision.fen.com/hispanic-heritage-month/south-america/6629.html.

COMPUTER LEARNING MONTH

Lissa Explains it All
Bright color and great graphics with explanations of advanced Web design topics (including frames, CSS, and Javascript); a forum for asking HTML questions; and several good resource lists for Webmaster tools such as HTML validators, and CGI scripts.
http://www.lissaexplains.com/.

The Basics: HTML
Seven tutorials for seven days. When you complete The Basics, you're awarded a diploma, and can progress to primers on image maps, buttons, forms, or any of the dozens of HTML Goodies topics.
http://www.htmlgoodies.com/primers/html/article.php/3478131.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

This is especially timely right now. Here are many excellent sources for understanding and being prepared for disasters of all kinds, as well as for dealing with feelings the students of all ages may be experiencing in the face of hurricanes.

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Scrub Club
The Scrub Club® is an interactive website that offers free materials to raise awareness about the benefits of hand washing to fight germs and prevent illness. The fun, Web-based experience is complete with educational material, music, games and cartoon "Webisodes.". Available in French, English and Spanish.
http://www.scrubclub.org/home.aspx.

FEMA for Kids
Resources for Parents and Teachers. Curriculum and Activities.
http://www.fema.gov/kids/.

Facing Fear (gr. K-12)
Facing Fear was developed to address a demand by educators and caregivers of children for materials to help children cope in uncertain times. The curriculum is a supplement to Masters of Disaster™, children's natural hazard safety curriculum. The format and components are similar, including ready-to-go lesson plans, activities and demonstrations that can be incorporated within core subject areas.

Lessons are aligned with national health, social studies, and language arts standards. You do have to register, but materials are downloadable and free. http://www.redcross.org/portal/site/en/menuitem.d229a5f06620c6052b1ecfbf43181aa0/?vgnextoid=749bf655c099b110VgnVCM10000089f0870aRCRD&vgnextfmt=default.

Ready Kids
A good resource to other helpful links for teachers, parents and counselors for all kinds of emergencies from natural disasters to terrorism.
http://www.ready.gov/kids/parents/index.html.

Understanding U.S. Geography and Weather (gr. 4-6)
A resource for teachers and parents developed by Scholastic in conjunction with U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, state and local government and private entities. It has age appropriate activities in Language Arts and Geography.
http://www.ready.gov/kids/_downloads/inschool_plan.pdf.

FIRE SAFETY PREVENTION WEEK - October 4-10

Fire Safety
Links to lessons and activities teaching fire safety awareness.
http://www.abcteach.com/directory/seasonalmonths/10_october/fire_safety_month/.

USFA for Kids
Lesson plans, printables, discussion points, and a list of fire safety sites for kids. There are short lessons about fire escape planning, smoke alarms and general home fire safety followed by a five-question quiz. You will find games to reinforce the information learned in the lessons. Finally, through a 10-question quiz, children will have the opportunity to earn a Jr. Fire Marshal certificate signed by the Assistant Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration.
http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/kids/parents-teachers/lesson_plan.shtm.

Staying Alive (preK-gr. 8)
Games, activities and great links about Fire Safety.
http://www.stayingalive.ca/.

Fire Safety Week Activities and Games for Kids
http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/fire-safety/.

NATIONAL METRIC WEEK - Oct. 4-10th

Convert Me
http://www.convert-me.com/en/metric_conversions_en.html.

Taking America's Measure
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), has a handful of unique goodies. Noteworthy clicks are Metric Fast Facts for Sports, a metric chocolate-chip cookie recipe, and a link list of online conversion tools.
http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/kids/metric.htm.

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Metric Week
Metric quizzes and puzzles for Metric week.
http://lamar.colostate.edu/~hillger/metric-week.html.

NATIONAL BOOK MONTH
TEEN READING WEEK - Oct. 18-24
POETRY DAY - October 8th
BANNED BOOK WEEK - Sept. 2 -Oct. 3

Every September, Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to choose and the importance of ensuring the availability of all viewpoints

Celebrate Banned Book Week
Click on the sidebar under Lesson Plans. This offers cross curricular opportunities to study censorship.
http://www.readwritethink.org/CALENDAR/calendar_day.asp?id=295.

Teen Corner Book Reviews
Great guide to enjoyable books. The reviews are organized into twenty-two categories. Highlights of the site are Celebrity Book Reviews, a form to submit your own 100-word book review, author interviews, a personal reading log (requires free registration). and a what to read click.
http://www.plcmc.org/readers_club/category.asp?cat=4.

Bookhive
Books reviews for kids up to age twelve
http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/.

Oprah's Book Club
Book lists organized by age, with tips to make reading fun.
http://www.oprah.com/article/oprahsbookclub/kidsreadinglist/pkgkidsreadinglist/20080701_orig_kids_books.

Teaching Poetry (gr. K-6)

http://teachingpoetryk6.com/.

Poetry Teachers
Lots of funny poems, poetry contests and more! Ideas for educators on teaching poetry in fun and interesting ways.
http://www.poetryteachers.com/.

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