Webliography

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1. <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/>

This website gives children different story-starters to encourage creativity and imagination. A lot of times elementary students get frustrated because they don’t even know what to begin writing about. This website gives children the beginning so they are inspired to complete the rest of the story.

1. <https://www.pinterest.com/>

This website is absolutely amazing. I have already used it for developing my lesson plans. Anything can be searched, and a multitude of ideas appear. Crafts, games, classroom decorations, themes, and teaching strategies are all covered on this one site. The main reason I began working with Pinterest was because I knew it would give me ideas for my future classroom.

1. <http://www.funbrain.com/>

I played on this website when I was an elementary student. This website provides a multitude of games that involve problem-solving and mathematical concepts. One of the main reasons that I like this website is that students receive a password so they can pick up wherever they left off. In addition, students select their grade level so challenging questions are asked.

1. <http://www.coolmath.com/>

This is another website my teachers encouraged me to use in elementary school. Lessons, practice, games, and puzzles are all offered on this one site. A multitude of games are offered, so each student should have no difficulty finding a game they enjoy playing while they learn.

1. <http://www.kidsblog.com/>

This website provides a large amount of worksheets, math games, and tutoring. If an individual searches tutoring, a listing of nearby tutors will appear. This could be very helpful for the parents of my future students if they are interested in hiring additional help.

1. <http://www.abcya.com/>

All the games provided on this site are free and were approved by certified school teachers. Individual grade levels are displayed. Games and activities cover a wide range of subjects including letters, numbers, shapes, geometry, patterns, art, holidays, and simple fun. The website is very colorful and easy to navigate through. I definitely plan on using this website in the future.

1. <http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/>

This website offers a listing of various presentation, video, audio, collaborative, writing, mapping, graphing, and creativity tools. Sometimes teachers come up with great ideas but don’t know how to turn their ideas into something the students can understand. These tools can help turn ideas into actual teaching materials.

1. <http://wonderopolis.org/>

This website encourages students of all ages to explore and discover new things, concepts, and ideas. The website’s approach both informs and inspires new questioning. There is a feature on the website called “the Wonder of the Day.” I love this feature. A short video is provided and a description is offered detailing a specific thing that students may wonder about. Today’s Wonder of the Day was a wigwam. I do plan on implementing this feature into my daily instruction.

1. <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

This website allows students to search through a multitude of online books. It is expensive and difficult to supply a great amount of physical reading books in the classroom. This website solves this problem by providing reading material online. Fiction, nonfiction, and award-winning books are all a part of this incredible website.

1. <http://www.clpgh.org/kids/storymaker/>

A feature is provide on this website titled “My StoryMaker.” A question appears and then the students create a story to answer the posed question using a variety of characters, objects, settings, and texts. Books, games, and homework help are also offered on this site.

1. <http://www.tagxedo.com/>

This website turns words into a visually stunning word cloud. Such a way of displaying words gains students’ interest and attention quickly. Students could use this website to list vocabulary words that must be known for an upcoming exam or to express personal characteristics to others.

1. <http://www.storylineonline.net/>

I have actually seen this website be used by one of the teachers I recently observed. The children loved hearing the story be read by someone different than their teacher. The pictures were displayed on the SmartBoard, and the narrator had a wonderful reading voice. Many books can be selected. I plan on using this website for some of my future lessons.

1. <http://pbskids.org/lions/>

This websites provides games, stories, and video clips. It is very colorful and has audio instructions which are extremely useful and often necessary for younger elementary students. The video clips primarily focus on phonics. This subject is extremely important for cognitive development.

1. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/reading/>

This website teaches little mini lessons on subjects such as English, math, and science. The lesson can be read, and then a game can be played that covers the newly learned topic. Finally, a quiz can be taken to see if the topic was well-learned. I like the variety that is offered by this website. Students will most likely remain engaged.

1. <http://www.wegivebooks.org/books>

This website offers a large variety of online books that can be read. Each book is marked with a specific age level to guide children in their book selection. So much can be taught to students while reading a book. This is a fun way to incorporate reading with a lesson. The book could be largely displayed on a SmartBoard as the lesson is being taught.

1. <http://www.andersenfairytales.com/en/main>

Stories are read aloud and games can be played on this website. The main focus is on individual fairy tales. This would be a great website to incorporate into a lesson on fairy tales. The website will instantly grab students’ attentions because of the fun-filled atmosphere the website provides.

1. <http://www.storyplace.org/eel/other.asp>

This website’s main goal is to encourage students to read. Students are able to create their own tale by making various decisions on characters. The students can then understand the tale by reading the captions. Print-out activities are offered along with suggested readings for each theme.

1. <http://www.gigglepoetry.com/>

There is a poetry class, fun, theater, and game section. Students can choose a variety of things to do. One of my favorite things about the website is the “Featured Poem” section. There are different poems on different days. The students then rate the poem on a giggle meter. I just think the meter is such a cute idea.

1. <http://www.turtlediary.com/>

The games and activities on this website were created by educators who believe learning should be fun and easy. This website has a unique collection of interactive games that focus on specific skills that are challenging, yet age-appropriate. My favorite part about this website is the ability to track student progress. This is a wonderful benefit.

1. <http://www.fuelthebrain.com/>

This website provides printables, games, interactives, mini-books, teacher guides, and articles. I like this website because it isn’t your simple educational gaming site. Much more is offered to users. The games are also organized into a “most popular” and “most recent” section which helps guide students.

1. <http://www.teachertube.com/>

This website has a vast array of information. Any subject, topic, or theme can be researched. Videos, audios, photos, and documents are all supplied to users. I will for sure be utilizing this website when I begin to develop my lesson plans in the future. I believe the videos will be most helpful.

1. <http://www.scholastic.com/home/>

This website has a “teacher” tab that includes links for resources and tools, strategies and ideas, student activities, books and authors, and products and services. There are a multitude of teacher tips that will help me as a beginning teacher. Blogs and videos are featured on this site as well.

1. <http://storybird.com/about/>

This website allows anyone to make a visual story in seconds. There is a create section in which students develop their own stories. The discover section allows students to search an online library and follow favorite writers. The greatest thing about this website is the direct combination of art and word which is so inspiring.

1. <http://www.thecolor.com/>

This website is best for younger elementary students. Students can color pictures online with a paint feature, or teachers can print out the coloring pages. My favorite thing about this website is the ability to color by category. Students can pick a topic they are interested in and color a picture matching the chosen topic.

1. <http://funfonix.com/>

This website includes games, worksheets, and certificate templates. There is also a free printable phonics workbook for kids on the website. The thing I like best about the site is the ability to custom a phonics worksheet to fit the specific needs of a classroom. This is an amazing feature.

1. <http://www.readwritethink.org/>

This website provides a great amount of teacher resources including lesson plan ideas, unit ideas, student interactives, mobile apps, and printouts. There is a search bar allowing users to search for ideas on a specific topic or concept. The search can be refined to a certain grade level which is very beneficial.

1. <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/>

This website offers resources for teachers, parents, and students. It is not limiting. Lesson plan ideas are provided based on grade level and subject. The subjects include more obscure ones such as technology, business, and health. Although these subjects may not apply directly to elementary students, they can still be applied in the classroom.

1. <http://www.arkive.org/education/games>

This website provides games in the specific subject area of science. Animals, the environment, and conservation are general topics that are covered by the games. These games are more complex and offer a deeper understanding of scientific concepts. This is the main reason I like this website. The games are not too simple.

1. <http://www.uen.org/>

This website was shown to me by a high school teacher I recently observed. There is an entire lesson plan library that includes grade levels and specific subjects. The amount of material that is offered is amazing. I plan on using this website to spark ideas for future lessons that I will be teaching.

1. <http://zinnedproject.org/teaching-materials/explore-by-theme/>

This website focuses on teaching the history of various themes including art and music, disability, civil rights movement, and more. The website allows you to explore by time period as well. This is a wonderful resource for social studies lesson plans. It helps make history come to life for the students.