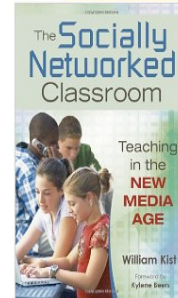




Socially Networked Classroom

I recently attended the WVIZ Advisory Meeting and heard Dr. William Kist, associate professor at Kent State, present on his book *The Socially Networked Classroom*. His book focuses on using social networking in the classroom to teach new literacies, broadening our conceptions of "literacy" to include alternative media

such as video, blogging, and text messaging. In his book he blends "old" literacy tools such as the pen and paper with "new" tools such as blogs and wikis. He offers many ideas, lessons and even rubrics which you could use immediately in your classroom!



Some Ideas from Dr. Kist's Book

What is media literacy? It is the ability to access, analyze, evaluate and communicate information in a variety of ways. Dr. Kist has so many ideas in his book, along with a collection of rubrics to use to grade this type of literacy, here are just a few ideas:

- Post a writing prompt on a blog or wiki for the students to respond. They can respond to the other students' as well.
- Have students follow an online blog on a topic you are studying. For example, if you are studying oceans have them follow an oceanographer's blog.
- Students can create reading portfolios in a wikispace.
- When students are creating a word document, encourage

them to use hyperlinks to link sites to keywords in their document. In addition, be sure they are collecting images along with text.



Web Resources for the Advent Season

USCCB - Advent and Christmas Season Blog <http://catholicfaitheducation.blogspot.com/2010/11/usccb-advent-and-christmas-seasons.html>
This is a Catholic faith education online resource site, specifically focusing on devotionals, lessons,

carols, blessings and prayers for Advent and Christmas.

Catholic Online is a great site for Advent/Christmas prayers and resources. <http://www.catholic.org/clife/advent/>

Resources for Catholic Educators <http://www.4catholiceducators.com/advent-general.htm>
Awesome site filled with many ideas, resources, prayers and much, much more!



Check Out These Sites!

Electronic Field Trip/National Park Foundation

<http://www.nationalparks.org/npf-at-work/our-programs/electronic-field-trip/>

Students have an opportunity to learn about a topic as they visit the national parks.

NOVA - Watch a variety of NOVA/PBS programs online and resources and materials for teachers

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/programs/>

Kidblog - Safe and secure blogs for teachers and students

<http://kidblog.org/home.php>



Help Needed!!

If you are knowledgeable about Senteo Student Response Systems, and are willing to share your knowledge, please contact me at dbruno@dioceseofcleveland.org!

Funding Opportunities

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

Deadline: December 31, 2010

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>

Olympus Tool Factory Grants and Contest- several opportunities for grants and contests!

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2011

http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus_contest/



Toyota Tapestry Grants for Science Teachers

Deadline: January 18, 2011

<http://www.nsta.org/pd/tapestry/>

USA Government Site for Nonprofits

The official site from the USA Government for resource and services from the government
<http://www.usa.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml>

Professional Development

Check out the Office of Catholic Education Offerings

<http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/register>

- Education Technology Offerings
- Excel 2 week class
- Podcasting
- Preschool Offerings
- Secondary
- LPDC/Entry Year

Other PD Opportunities:

WVIZ Ideastream

<http://www.wviz.org/education/index>

G & G, Inc

<http://www.ggedtech.com>



Resources

OCE Ed Tech Page

http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/teachers/teacher_resources.shtml

Janet Hale's Site

<http://www.curriculummapping101.com/>

Live Binder -from September Training

http://livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit?id=28660

DigiGogy - Mike Fischer's Blog

<http://digigogy.blogspot.com/>

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