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I would like to wish you all a GREAT holiday season and wish you all the very best for the new year. Relax, sleep and keep smiling!!

"Never regard study as a duty, but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs." (Einstein)

I have recently come across another rubric creator that not only allows you to create rubrics following clear steps, but also will allow you to save your already-created rubrics on their website.

<http://rubistar.4teachers.org/>

"When you know what you need but don't want to start from scratch, check out the Microsoft Office Template Gallery. We've partnered with content experts to provide you with useful and fun templates geared toward small businesses, nonprofit organizations, job hunters, teachers, students, and home users. We already have dozens and dozens of templates: fax covers, press releases, checklists, finance tools, reports, and much more. And we're just getting started. So check back often to see the Template Gallery expand with new templates based on suggestions from customers like you."

- Mac Templates

<http://www.microsoft.com/mac/webtools/templates/default.asp?navindex=totw4>

- Office Templates

<http://officeupdate.microsoft.com/templategallery/>

Printable worksheets offers a HUGE selection of worksheets and free clipart available for teachers. There is also a clipart section for second language teaching.

<http://www.nvnet.org/nvhs/edresource/hubpages/Worksheets.html>

The following link offers a wonderful selection of links and web sites to help teachers incorporate technology into their curriculum. In fact, the three previous links come from this collection.

<http://www.nvnet.org/nvhs/edresource/hubpages/toolbox.html>

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIBRARY LAUNCHED. The world's largest International digital library for children was launched on Nov. 20. The International Children's Digital Library opens with 200 books in 15 languages representing 27 cultures, with a five-year plan to grow to 10,000 books representing 100 cultures.

<http://www.icdlbooks.org>

TRYSOURCE MONTH CELEBRATED. Children from the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Italy joined in a real-time collaboration as they participated in a fun example of science in everyday life. Results from the "Suspect Sketcher" activity, part of International TryScience Month sponsored by the IBM Corporation, the New York Hall of Science and the Association of Science-Technology Centers, will be posted at the TryScience web site. The Discover Extremes at Starfleet Academy is a fun way to expose students to environments, how animals communicate, the universe and sea life, to mention a few. As the students answer questions correctly they collect "discovery cards" and can increase their rank aboard the starship Voyager. I enjoyed it.

<http://www.tryscience.org/home.html>

PBS has always had wonderful tools and resources. Here is their web site for teachers. It contains over 3,500 lessons in various topics such as arts & literature, health and fitness, math, science & technology, social studies, early childhood and library media. It's worth taking a look at.

<http://www.pbs.org/teachersource>

I have recently come across a web site on High School Math (Grade 9-12) which offers worksheets (and answers) as well as on-line quizzes and tests.

<http://schools.spsd.sk.ca/mount/Hoffman/>

The Educator network has a new free lesson plan on Marco Polo.

<http://www.schoolexpress.com/edunews.php>

I first saw this little poem from The Teachers Network and chuckled. Enjoy!

'Twas The Week Before Christmas (School)



By Joyce Luke

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the school
Not a pupil was silent, no matter what rule.
The children were busy with paper and paste;
The mess that they made with it couldn't be faced.

The teacher half frantic and almost in tears,
Had just settled down to work with her dears,
When out in the hall there arose such a clatter
up sprang the kids to see what was the matter!

Away to the door they all flew like a flash;
The one who was leading went down with a crash.
Then what to their wondering eyes did appear
But a green Christmas tree! (To decorate I fear!)

When the teacher saw this, she almost grew sick.
She knew in a moment it must be Old Nick!
She ran to the door (all her efforts were vain)
But she shouted, and stamped, and she called them by name;

"Now Tommy! Now Sandy, Now Judy and Harry!
Stop Billy! Stop Robert! Stop Donny and Sherry!
Now get to your places get away from the hall
Now get away! Get away! Get away all!

As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly
The pupils, pell mell, started scurrying by.
They ran to the blackboard and skipped down the aisle;
Their faces were shining and each had a smile.

First came a basket of popcorn to string
-Then came the Christmas tree (menacing thing).
As the tree was brought in there arose a great shout;
The pupils were merrily romping about.

The state they were in could lead to a riot;
The teacher was sure, if allowed, they would try it.
Her nerves how they jangled! Her temples were throbbing!
The rush of her breath sounded almost like sobbing!

The lines of her face were as fixed as a mask;
It was plain that she didn't feel up to her task.

The look in her eye would have tamed a wild steer,
But the children ignored it; they did every year.

A tear from her eye and a shake of her head
Soon led me to think that she wished she were dead.
She spoke not a word but went straight to her work,
Strung all the popcorn which broke with a jerk.

But at last it was finished and placed on the tree;
Then came the bell and the children were free.
Their shrill little voices soon faded away
And peace was restored at the end of the day.
As she looked at the Christmas tree glistening and tall,
She smiled as she whispered, Merry Christmas to all!

Pour les profs de français

Les activités DIPSCO de Noël, pour les élèves ayant une déficience intellectuelle de sévère à profonde, et pour certains enfants du pré-scolaire.

http://www.csdm.qc.ca/dipsco/activites/menu_activite/ACCactiv.html

La commission scolaire de la Moyenne-Côte-Nord a commencé un Photo-Roman (on-line) avec un endroit pour ajouter des commentaires. C'est créé par des élèves, pour des élèves. Si vous voulez ajouter des commentaires, il vous faut un mot de passe et un "username". Le site web est :

<http://csmcn.qc.ca/photo-roman>

Planète-éducation est un portail d'applications pédagogiques d'Internet.

<http://www.planete-education.com/>