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I trust everyone is staying healthy and calm before the "stress?" of the holiday season.

"To teach well, we need not say all that we know, only what is useful for the pupil to hear" (Anon.)

I have recently discovered the American Montessori Consulting web site that has some fabulous ideas and activities for the winter months. It includes hands-on ideas for Kwanzaa, Chanukah, Christmas around the world, not to mention fall activities.

http://www.amonco.org/montessori_winter_handson.html

Keeping with the season, the following links from ABC Teach Network offers some simple ideas for the teaching of Chanukah , Christmas and Kwanzaa

Chanukah - <http://www.theeducatorsnetwork.com/main/lessonfeature.htm>

Christmas - <http://www.newsworld.com/nonfiction/NorthPoleWorksheets.pdf>

Kwanzaa - <http://www.theeducatorsnetwork.com/main/lessonfeature.htm>

The educators network has some new topics including this one on the "Damaged Planet" which includes lessons, worksheets, etc. It can be found in two formats, compressed - http://www.schoolexpress.com/damaged_5g8y.asp and not compressed - http://schoolexpress.com/unitnews/damaged_5g8y.pdf

The Lesson Plan and Teaching Strategy Network has a list of hundreds of social studies lessons organized by subject and grade level. The list alone is overwhelming and well worth a look.

<http://www.theeducatorsnetwork.com/main/lessonfeature.htm>

These three links are Jan Brett's alphabet colouring pages. It offers three types of letters which are Modern Manuscript, Cursive Manuscript and Traditional Style. The letters are all black-line masters and are associated with animals each beginning with the specific letter.

<http://www.theeducatorsnetwork.com/main/worksheetfeature.htm>

The next link is a set of math applets which are little java on-line programs. They all have teacher pages and follow-up assessments too.

<http://www.theeducatorsnetwork.com/main/toolfeature.htm>

This link is an 82 page document on creative writing from www.curriculum.org. It includes Writing effective story beginnings, writing effective story endings, writing detail and discipline, writing main even, writing to a prompt and short-term writing projects.

<http://www.theeducatorsnetwork.com/main/unitfeature.htm>

Teaching visual arts can be a little overwhelming. This set of links is divided by Grade K-6 and Grade 7-12. It then lists PDF (Adobe Acrobat) files covering various topics from Timeline of Money to Japanese Bridges to Ancient India. The links is as follows, <http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/imls/index.html> then click on "Activities" and enjoy!

Pour les profs de français



<http://fslactivities.sd61.bc.ca/>



<http://radio-canada.ca/jeunesse/>