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It's a Colossal Collection of Curriculum Connections

<http://www.geocities.com/jonafrench/CurriculumConnections.html>

Welcome to the Summer Institute 2000 and our session entitled "A Colossal Collection of Curriculum Connections." During this session, we will be sharing some of our favorite sites for all subject areas!

Categories within our site:

- ☞ Purely Professional: sites that provide you with lesson plans, ideas, and educational research.
- ☞ Grants and Grant-related resources: sites that give you grant writing tips and "technology" grant application information.
- ☞ Administrative "Assistant": sites of interest to Principals and other administrative personnel.
- ☞ Net Buffet - A Smorgasbord of Webquests: sites for webquests and information on how to create your own!

- ☞ Educational Search Engines and Portals: sites that are student or educationally-oriented search engines.
- ☞ The Reference Desk: sites that provide students (and teachers!) with free online reference materials.
- ☞ Virtual Field Trips: sites that allow you to travel to distant locations through your computer!

Subject specific sites:

- ☞ A Multitude of Magnificent Math Sites
- ☞ A Sampler of Sensational Science Sites
- ☞ Reading, Writing and Grammar! A Library of Language Arts Sites
- ☞ A Scrapbook of Social Studies Sites
- ☞ Something "Special" Sites
- ☞ Special Needs Internet Sites

Sign-up for
your own
updates via

Blue Web'n

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/>

EdGate

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

Education World

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

Surfing the Net with Kids

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

The Importance of Evaluating Internet Sites

Anyone can publish on the web! Unlike traditional print resources, web resources rarely have people who check out the facts of a published web site. Currently, no web standards exist to ensure accuracy. Use the criteria listed in the side bar to evaluate sites that you are considering for use with your classes.

We have tried to make this task a little easier for you by providing access to "The Colossal Collection of Curriculum Connections." Feel free to use this site as much as you need to throughout the school year. Watch for new sites!



Evaluate
sites based on
the following
criteria!

- Authority
- Accuracy
- Objectivity
- Currency
- Coverage

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There are tons of other sites out there on the Internet that will provide you with great educational information and links. Many of these sites have newsletters that you can subscribe to via email. The newsletter(s) will be sent to you listing new or recommended sites on various topics and information on how to use the Internet and other technology in your classrooms. See the other side of this handout for the addresses of four sites that have newsletters that we subscribe to and rely on heavily to stay informed about educational Internet sites. Try one out - it doesn't cost anything!



Featured Sites

Site #1 Filamentality (<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/>), part of the **Blue Web'n Learning Site**, is a fill-in-the-blank interactive web site that guides you through creating web-based activities for children. No HTML or technical knowledge is required! All you need to do is type your information into their templates and it transforms it into a web page. There are different activity formats for you to choose from. Explore a Hotlist, a Scrapbook, a Treasure Hunt, a Sampler, or a WebQuest to see which best suits your needs. If you aren't sure what each one of these activities is like, take the guided tour and view the samples. Filamentality makes it easy to create an online activity!

Site #2 Copernicus Education Gateway (<http://www.edgate.com/teachers.html>) provides you with TONS of great educational information and ideas including a curriculum matrix to make it easy to locate appropriate lessons and resources. The Teacher Section is divided into Curriculum Development and Lesson Plans, Education Site Reviews, Grants and Professional Development, Technology in the Classroom, Special

Needs and Gifted Students, Teacher to Teacher, Worksheets and Downloadables, News in Education, and WebQuests.

Site #3 Education World (<http://www.education-world.com/>) collection of wonderful resources! Links are provided to access the days news stories as well as previous articles on everything from lesson planning to teacher lessons, cool schools to technology, and, of course, site reviews! A side menu bar also allows you to navigate the site by subject area, "community" or feature area. Be sure to try their searchable database of 120,000+ Internet sites!

Site #4 Surfing the Net with Kids (<http://www.surfnetkids.com/>) Barbara J. Feldman welcomes parents, kids, teens, grandparents, teachers, librarians and the incurably curious. She is a syndicated newspaper columnist, mother, wife and Net surfer supreme (not listed in order of importance, of course). As seen in millions of newspapers each week, her site reviews for kids and families are available on this website also. Check out the theme related links and Surfing the Calendar!