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Middle School T.I.M.E.S.

Technology Integration Made Easy and Simple

May Madness

With April and all its excitement, comes May and the preparation for End of Grade Tests. We have prepared all year and our students are ready to shine. Now, we need to refresh the student's memories and raise their confidence.



have begun using what they have learned into their classrooms and daily lessons.

This newsletter is a combined issue and will focus on reviewing for the EOG test. I hope you will find useful information as you get in that last minute review.

I was fortunate to have attended a technology conference in Raleigh the week of March 12th. I learned so much about web2.0. I look forward to sharing what I have learned with you.

We still have a few sessions remaining. I encourage you to attend and extend your knowledge. Plus, the tools we're learning are fun!

Hope to see you at one of the Technology Thursdays!

We have had great enthusiasm for the Technology Thursdays. Many teachers



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Technology Opportunities

- ☺ May 9 Reading & Technology with web 2.0 tools Southern Lee
- ☺ May 17 Online searching (lesson plans & activities) East
- ☺ May 24 Online searching (lesson plans & activities) West
- ☺ Watch Schoollink for Computer Camp this summer

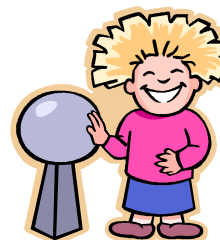
Technology in Use

Are you doing a technology activity with your class? Why not share the idea? In my travels amongst Bragg Academy, East Lee, and West Lee, I am seeing a lot of fabulous technology integration!

I'd like to highlight you and the technology lessons you are doing in your classrooms or computer labs.

Drop me an email telling me what you are doing and next month I'll use this space to

let teachers shine.



"We need to get away from the notion that computers are something we go use in a lab once a week. When was the last time we sent kids to a pencil lab?"

Chris Lehman

EOG Links

Language Arts:

[Twelve Word Song](http://tinyurl.com/22g6f3)

<http://tinyurl.com/22g6f3>

[LA Resources](http://tinyurl.com/22g6f3) <http://tinyurl.com/22g6f3>

Grade 6

[Reading Clips](http://tinyurl.com/29e2yg) <http://tinyurl.com/29e2yg>

[Reading Comprehension](http://tinyurl.com/2hxc2)

<http://tinyurl.com/2hxc2>

Grade 7

[Reading Clips](http://tinyurl.com/yv76q5) <http://tinyurl.com/yv76q5>

[Reading Comprehension](http://tinyurl.com/2hxc2)

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Grade 8

[Reading Clips](http://tinyurl.com/2bp4nr) <http://tinyurl.com/2bp4nr>

[Reading Comprehension](http://tinyurl.com/2jj668)

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Math:

[Graph paper](http://tinyurl.com/yv9xw3) <http://tinyurl.com/yv9xw3>

[Required Formulas](http://tinyurl.com/2xhy35) <http://tinyurl.com/2xhy35>

[Math Resources](http://tinyurl.com/22g6f3) <http://tinyurl.com/22g6f3>

6th Grade

[Sample Questions by Goals](http://tinyurl.com/26fwhk)

<http://tinyurl.com/26fwhk>

[Holt Practice Questions](http://tinyurl.com/2p334n)

<http://tinyurl.com/2p334n>

[Interactive](http://tinyurl.com/9xwah) <http://tinyurl.com/9xwah>

7th Grade

[Sample Questions by Goals](http://tinyurl.com/3chro9)

<http://tinyurl.com/3chro9>

[Holt Practice Questions](http://tinyurl.com/yv9xw3)

<http://tinyurl.com/yv9xw3>

[Interactive](http://tinyurl.com/9xwah) <http://tinyurl.com/9xwah>



8th Grade

[Sample Questions by Goals](http://tinyurl.com/yp3cmt)

<http://tinyurl.com/yp3cmt>

[Holt Practice Questions](http://tinyurl.com/2py8vp)

<http://tinyurl.com/2py8vp>

[Interactive](http://tinyurl.com/9xwah) <http://tinyurl.com/9xwah>

Science:

8th Grade

[Sample Items](http://tinyurl.com/2ue2gs) <http://tinyurl.com/2ue2gs>

[SCASS Item Bank](http://tinyurl.com/22zvqf) <http://tinyurl.com/22zvqf>

[Science Resources](http://tinyurl.com/22g6f3) <http://tinyurl.com/22g6f3>

Test Taking Strategies

[Study Skills](http://tinyurl.com/23med6) <http://tinyurl.com/23med6>

[Test Anxiety](http://tinyurl.com/3yvk8t) <http://tinyurl.com/3yvk8t>

[Beat Test Anxiety](http://tinyurl.com/2f23fn) <http://tinyurl.com/2f23fn>

[Eating to Learn](http://tinyurl.com/2vl6fh) <http://tinyurl.com/2vl6fh>



Last month we began a section on Gaggle tips. This month we will be adding more ideas for you to integrate Gaggle into your daily classroom activities.

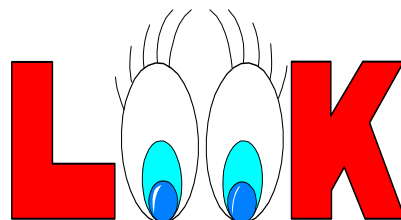
Key Pals: Connect with another class in Lee County and have the students write autobiographies (can be math or science autobiographies, too). Edit and return to your Key Pal.

Student Mentors: Match your class with a younger class and let them interview your class as "experts" on a topic they are studying.

Digital Lockers: The teacher saves a

Gaggle Tips

file into their digital locker. The students open the file and make editing corrections. Students send the file back to the teacher through email.



Homework Assignments: Teachers can put homework assignments in their digital lockers for their students to access. Students can then retrieve the assignment and save a completed copy to their own locker. This helps teach students the use of technology



for today's paperless offices.

Homework Centers: Message boards and chat rooms in Gaggle are a great way for teachers to communicate with their students. They can be used as homework centers where teachers can post assignments and students can ask questions. When used as homework centers, the students can be allowed to collaborate and offer assistance to each other.

Are you doing something interesting with Gaggle? Let me know and you'll get your 15 minutes of fame in the next newsletter!