



Technology Tip Tuesday Newsletter

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Add Sparkle to your Email

Are you tired of sending very simple “plain jane” emails to your friends and colleagues? If so, you can make some simple formatting changes and add pop and pizzazz to your email. If you are an *Entourage* user and want to learn more about how to change the format of your emails [click here](#).

Retrieve your Email at Home

Do you remember how to access your Creighton email from your home? You do?! OK then skip this article, but for the rest of you, here’s how to do it.

Where ever you happen to be, whether at home or on the Great Wall of China, if you have access to the internet you can check your email. (Isn’t technology wonderful?) The URL address to type in is <https://mail.creightonschools.org/exchange> . Please note that the http has an “s” at the end of it. It’s important the “s” is there.

Then if you are a Mac user simply type your User Name and Password when asked for it and you will be into your email.

If you are a PC user you must precede your User Name with “csorg\” (i.e. the User Name hsullivan would be typed as csorg\hsullivan. The password remains unchanged and is your regular password.

That’s all there is to it. So next time you go on vacation you know what to do, I don’t need to tell you. 😊 Oh, and don’t forget to log-out when you’re done.

Teaching Math with United Streaming’s Help

Though I mentioned it once in a previous newsletter I think it bears repeating given the number of new teachers we have this year. If you’re a math teacher don’t forget about Unitedstreaming as a terrific teaching tool in your toolbox. It can really be a great resource for you to use to teach math. In fact, eSchool News gave it the Reader’s Choice Award for Best Math Software.

Quoting the article in eSchool News now, “Remarkably, Discovery Education’s subscription-based, video-on-demand service, unitedstreaming, was the top choice of our readers in every single category—a nod, no doubt, to the increasing usefulness of video to enhance instruction.” “In making unitedstreaming the No. 1 choice in

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each category, readers noted its usefulness in helping to illustrate a variety of tough math concepts. “unitedstreaming gives my students the visual aspect that is vital for their understanding of math concepts,” wrote one elementary school educator. “It helps me build upon their prior learning, and I am able to move them quickly through various levels.” Another wrote, “You can freeze-frame concepts and use the video again and again. It’s like having teachers with several teaching styles available to instruct our students.” Wrote a third educator: “I am currently teaching summer school seventh grade math and have found the united-streaming pre-algebra videos useful. It is nice to be able to view just a clip, as opposed to an entire video. The company does an excellent job of linking the math to the everyday world.”

If you’re interested in reading the entire article online please [click here](#). If you’re not sure how to access unitedstreaming please read [this archived issue](#) of our newsletter.

Links Worth a Look

TeacherFiles.com	This is a very good website that is especially helpful if you’re looking for free clipart that is really geared to teachers and education. The website also offers free printable resources and lesson ideas.
English Units	If you teach Reading and Writing you may want to take a quick look at these online units. There are Oral Units, Visual Language Units, and Written Language Units. You can find free resources here for all age levels.
Developmental Stages of Reading	An interesting web page from the Seattle Public Schools. The web page offers a table with descriptors of readers and books for grades K-8. The table also offers suggestions on books that are appropriate for the different grade levels.
Awesome Library	This is a good website to find further websites of educational value organized into the categories of Teachers, Kids, Teens, Parents, Librarians, and College Students. It is free and states that “Awesome Library organizes the web with 33.000 carefully reviewed resources, including the top 5 percent in education.”
Kiz Club	Free teaching and learning resources including printables for early elementary teachers.

A New Look for Creighton’s Home Page

Creighton School District’s home page has a new look. If you haven’t already checked it out you may want to do so now by [clicking here](#).

While you’re there you might want to click on the most recent issue of the “Creighton Communicator”, Creighton School District’s community newsletter.

