



tech tidbits

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TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

What's on your Christmas list this year? Is it new technology for your classroom? Did you ask Santa for some fresh new ideas on how you can spice up your lesson plans when we return in January? Well, I am here to help Santa grant those wishes. AHS has many exciting technology resources just waiting to be used in the classroom. Contact me and we can brainstorm some ways to get your class "PLUGGED IN!"

Classroom Webpages

Your classroom web pages are a great resource for your students and their parents. It is a way you can communicate expectations, upcoming events, and happenings in your classroom. Classroom discussions can move beyond the classroom walls and engage students who normally wouldn't be caught dead raising their hand in class. I would encourage you to try to integrate one of the following into your lessons this grading period:

- Student Drop box for homework
- Audio podcast of spoken word
- (CD accompanying your textbook)
- Uploading study guides
- Adding links to web pages you use
- Create a slideshow of student work
- Discuss key points of a lesson in a multimedia blog

Clicking in Your Ears?

Our building has sets of "clickers" just waiting to be used in your classroom. If you ask any teacher that has used them, they will tell you that your students involvement skyrockets. They become actively involved in the content you are presenting. Below are a few ways you can use them in your classroom:

- Pre-assessments
- Post-assessments
- Class surveys
- Anticipatory Sets
- The uses are endless!

Please contact me for ideas on how to integrate this great resource into your classroom. I am available to show you how the clickers work as well!

Websites Resources

[Discovery Education](#)– *Online resources and lesson plans from Discovery Education*

[United Streaming](#)– *On-line videos and custom lesson plans organized by subject, standard, grade*

[Lilly Science Outreach](#)– *Information about lab tours, distance learning, and grant opportunities*

[IHC smartDESKTOP](#)– *Indiana lesson plan database*

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