

Spotlight on Learning with Technology

October 2009

Spotlight on: October Websites

October is...

Columbus Day

[Discoverer's Day](#)

[What was Columbus Thinking? \(3-5\)](#)

[Columbus Lessons & Resources \(3-5\)](#)

[Columbus Day Teacher Resources](#)

[Explorers Lessons \(EducationWorld\)](#)

Halloween

[Halloween Lesson Plan Links](#)

[Halloween Links](#)

[Halloween Safety Guide](#)

[Halloween Themed Lessons](#)

[Pumpkins & More](#)

[Bat Thematic Unit](#)

[All About Bats](#)

[Spider Links](#)



October is also...

[National Popcorn Month](#)

[Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

Oct 18-24

[Character Counts week](#)

(Oct 17-25)

Red Ribbon Week

[Activities for Schools](#)

[D.A.R.E. Home Page](#)

[Red Ribbon Classroom Activities](#)

[Red Ribbon Month](#)



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Spotlight on: Website of the Month

Nutrition Explorations <http://www.nutritionexplorations.org/educators/main.asp>

(Thank you to Avy Anderson, 2nd gr. teacher at Gonsalves Elementary for sharing this site).

Teaching Nutrition: Get answers to frequently asked questions; find a guide for the recommended progression for teaching food group concepts; find links to supplement nutrition lessons.

Nutrition Lessons: Fun, hands-on and interactive activities from Dairy Council's most popular programs help you teach nutrition from pre-k through upper elementary grades.

Nutrition Calendar: Each month's Nutrition Explorations Calendar is full of classroom ideas and nutrition tips to help parents and teachers encourage healthy eating at home and at school. Display this month's calendar in your classroom or provide each child with a copy to take home.

Kids Page: Kids can find nutrition facts, activities, interactive nutrition games, and links.





DataDirector Publishers Exam Available

The following publishers exams are now available in DataDirector. If you are interested having any of these exams available to you in DataDirector, please email Mary White with the following information:
Title of Exam(s) you are requesting, and Grade level(s).



Subject	Publisher	Title	Exam/Assessment
English –LA	Houghton-Mifflin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme Skills • Summative 	Exam: Grades 2-6 Assessments: K-1
English—LA	McDougal Littell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading & LA Cluster Tests 1-12 (Gr. 7 & 8) 	Cluster Tests 1-12 (gr. 7th & 8th)
English –LA	Univ. of Oregon	DIBELS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beg., Mid, End • Post Beg. & Post Mid Progress Monitoring 	Assessments and Reporting for Grades K-6
Math	Houghton—Mifflin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trimester Benchmarks (1,2,3) • Chapter Tests (Ch. 3 and up) 	Grades K-5
Math	Pearson/Prentice Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benchmark Exams (Alg. Readiness., Pre Alg., Alg. 1, Geom., Alg. II) 	Grades 7-12
Science	Pearson/Prentice Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic Test, Outcome test, Benchmark tests, 	Grades 6-8

New Instructional Technology Website

The New [*Instructional Technology website*](#) now has links to the following:

Grade Level Resources for Math and Language Arts. Most of these resources are interactive and of course all are FREE. Currently resources are available for K-6 Language Arts and Math but more subject areas and grade levels will be added in the future. Share with parents. Check it out at: <http://abcit.weebly.com/grade-level-resources.html>

DataDirector Video Tutorials

If you need a refresher on how to access some of the basic features of DataDirector, check out the video tutorials available on the website at: <http://abcit.weebly.com/datadirector.html>

Online Textbook Resources

Several textbook publishers have included many online resources to accompany their recently published textbooks. These resources can be very valuable supplement your curriculum.

The site is designed to assist classroom teachers in accessing the online resources available to go with their textbook adoption. Each publisher has a website that provides access to a wealth of additional resources in the form of quizzes, games, worksheets, extra help, and more. In some cases, the electronic version of the teacher's edition as well as the student edition may also be available. Check it out at: <http://abcit.weebly.com/textbook-resources.html>

Don't forget to also check out the Cool Teacher Tools, Lesson Plan Resources, and more.