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REMINDER

The following Web 2.0 & ClassTools will be presented at the tech sessions on Tuesday. (attendance is optional).

Web 2.0 # 11

News Map

News Map presents the breaking news as text icons in sizes that represent relative importance of the news article. See news headlines from countries around the world.

Website:

<http://marumushi.com/apps/newsmap/newsmap.cfm>

Web 2.0 #12

Quizlet

Quizlet helps students learn vocabulary. This tool takes a list of words and uses practice and games to teach them word meanings. Online databases store wordlists so all can share word practice with you. Also use flashcards created by other students & teachers.

Website:

<http://quizlet.com/>

Web 2.0 #13

The Ruler Game

Use this game to improve how you read a ruler! This interactive game is sure to increase measurement skills while teaching students to apply knowledge of fractions!

Website:

<http://www.globalclassroom.org/rulergame200/index.html>

Web 2.0 #13

Spelling City

Use this game to improve how you spell! This interactive game site enables teachers to program a list of words for students to spell while playing fun-filled, challenging games!!

Spelling City.com has:

- Over **38,000** spelling words and eight spelling games!
- A REAL person who says each vocabulary

word and sentence

- Thousands of free spelling lists. Or save your own spelling word list!
- A free forum and newsletter with more spelling resources!
- Eight spelling and vocabulary games to play with your lists.

After taking the online spelling test, students can print out a report, retake the entire test, or get tested only on spelling words that they got wrong on the first time spelling test.

TeachMe spells and displays the word in ways that stimulate memory for visual and verbal learners.

Printable Games include WordSearch, UnScramble, WhichWord? and MissingLetter.

Printable Handwriting Worksheets for combined spelling and handwriting practice can be created from any saved list (this feature only works if the list is saved).

Choices includes three sizes of lines, capitals or small letters, script or cursive, and with directional arrows on or off. Very cool, huh?



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Link to SpellingCity from your school website, home school blog, or list of online learning resources.

- Use SpellingCity as your spelling website to prepare for spelling bees. Try holding a spelling bee online.
- Participate in the forum sharing your ideas on how to use the site, highlighting lists, and making suggestions for new features or spelling games.

Help make spelling test time, a fun time! Practice spelling enough and you'll win the spelling bee. We want to make our spelling website a valuable fun part of every child's spelling and vocabulary education

Website:

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

Web 2.0 #14

Kerpoof!

Kerpoof is a desktop publishing tool for young children. Make pictures, drawings, stories, movies, cards, make an avatar and make movies. *Kerpoof* tutorials teach youngsters to learn how to use *Kerpoof*. Each movie walks children step-by-step through a *Kerpoof* activity.

A Note to Teachers from Kerpoof!

Kerpoof is meant to be fun, but we're serious about its educational value. There are many ways that elementary and middle school teachers can use Kerpoof to enhance their classroom activities and meet educational standards as well.

Kerpoof provides free multimedia software that can be used directly from any browser, on any computer with Internet access and an up-to-date Flash player. While Kerpoof offers paid, premium services directed to at-home, entertaining use of the site, all basic

content directed to in-school use
entirely free

Kerpoof can be used to create original artwork, animated movies, and stories, among other things. The gallery interface below shows some of the content that Kerpoof users have recently created and shared on the site. (Note that all shared content is carefully reviewed by our trained moderators before it appears on the site.)

Kerpoof Lesson Plan Ideas:

http://www.kerpoof.com/teach?c=lesson_plans

Ideas for using Kerpoof! in the Classroom

<http://www.kerpoof.com/teach?c=ideas>

Website:

www.kerpoof.com

---until next week