

TEACHERS USE THE WEB

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Directories of PreK-6 sites

The following sites contain directories to PreK-6 related sites on the World Wide Web. Many of these directories include brief descriptions as well as the location. Taking time to explore these directories will help you to know the kinds of resources available. Some of these directory sites also provide original resource content.

★ marks an excellent site; recommended for newer users

- http://www.geocities.com/k_3resources/

A to Z Internet Resources

Categorized lists are not annotated, but an attractive, easy-to-use layout. Includes links to sites for phonics & grammar, math & science, test prep, clipart, teacher tools & downloads. Compiled by first grade teachers in Alabama for K-3 teachers.

- <http://www.bluewebn.com/wired/bluewebn/index.cfm>

Blue Web'n.

Over 2100 sites easily searchable by keyword or can do a search specifying subject &/or grade level &/or type &/or Dewey Number. Categories for type are: tools, references, lesson plans, hotlists, information resources, tutorials, activities, projects. Rated, and evaluation rubric is online. Updated monthly.

- <http://www.ceismc.gatech.edu/busyt/ele.shtml>

Busy Teachers' Website K-12.

This section of the site has alphabetical annotated links to sites appropriate for elementary grades. Clicking on a subject box at the side brings up a K-12 subjects directory to explore further. The simple, clean listing is not overwhelming to the timid or rushed user.

- <http://www.ceismc.gatech.edu/busyt/ele.shtml>

Curriculum Corner.

Mount Laurel Township Schools Curriculum Team (NJ) maintains this site to share K-8 curriculum resources. The Online Resources section contains categorized and annotated links to selected sites. The Lesson Repository section contains downloadable lesson plans and activities organized by subject and grade level. There are other restricted sections. This site makes up in quality what it lacks in quantity.

- <http://www.education-world.com>

★ *Education World.*

Daily and weekly features related to current news, special days, and curriculum theme. Lesson plans. Original articles. Recommended sites by subject. Search engine of 110,000 sites; browse subjects or keyword. Not easy to isolate level. Funded by several corporate sponsors and advertisers.

- <http://www.eduhound.com/>

EduHound.

Click a category for access to thousands of selected K-12 educational links. Levels are not given except as indicated in the annotation. Clipart section. Sign up for free weekly e-mail newsletter. Separate but companion site for Spanish.

- <http://www.thegateway.org/>

Gateway to Educational Resources.

Provides access to thousands of quality Internet lesson plans, curriculum units and other education resources. Browse by subject, type, level or keyword lists; or enter a search term and refine by listed parameters. A video clip teaches use of the site search tools. Retrieved records will link directly to the Internet resources they describe. Use at your grade level may take some adaptation. An educational consortium project.

- <http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/>

★ *Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators.*

Not specific to elementary, but contains some unique materials for elementary. Hundreds of links classified into 23 subjects. Updated often and award winning. Searchable, and also has an alphabetical index.

- <http://hometown.aol.com/Kellire/index.htm>

Kellie's Elementary Teachers Resource Page.

Categorized list of links to favorite sites of an elementary teacher. Subject "Lesson Plan Sites" includes sites to use in lesson planning as well as sites with lesson plans. Also teacher resources, and student sites.

MarcoPolo | Now is renamed *Thinkfinity*

- <http://www.proteacher.com/>

ProTeacher! The Web's Little Secret For Elementary School Teachers.

Contains categorized links of information and lesson plans for many subject areas, classroom management tips, special education information for all teachers, and technology integration. This directory is searchable. Has a bulletin board for teacher sharing by specific grade or grade span, and substitute teacher ideas. Teacher shared ideas are being archived as a searchable collection.

- <http://teacher.scholastic.com/index.htm>

Scholastic - Teacher's Homepage.

Various teacher resources to browse or search by level. Also links to online classroom activities.

- <http://www.sitesforteachers.com/>

Sites for Teachers.

Various types of resources for K-12 teachers. Annotates the most used of about 1100 sites as ranked by a link in/link out weekly popularity count. Grade levels are not indicated except in some annotations. Key word searchable.

- <http://www.surfnetkids.com/>

Surfing the Net with Kids.

Barbara Feldman's favorite sites for kids with reviews and ratings. Topical organization but a keyword search will locate a word within an entry. Good reviews although grade level is not suggested. Dates are given for reviews so the viewer has an idea of dated content. Good for current topics relevant to the date.

- <http://www.teachersfirst.com/>

Teachers First.

Professional and classroom resources include both links and lesson plans by subject. Select from a content subject/level matrix or do a keyword search by grade(s) for a more specific topic. Use the drop-down menu across the top or complete the free membership form. Generally good annotations and reviews with suggested grade levels for each. The source and a label indicating type of material is given when pertinent.

- <http://edtech.kennesaw.edu/web/teaching.htm>

★ *Teaching With The Web.*

Links organized by alphabetical list of themes within grade level groups K-2, 3-5, 6-8. Sites for both student use and for teachers. Also section of Reference Sites for Teachers on the 3-5 page.

- <http://www.thinkfinity.org/home.aspx>

Thinkfinity.

Links to sites with information and lessons in many curricular areas, selected and reviewed by panel of experts. Key word or Boolean search can be limited by subject, grade span, and to only lesson plans or no lesson plans. Grade level is given with each resource annotation. Resources for training to use Thinkfinity for internet content in the classroom are being developed.

Sites sponsored and maintained by publishers of elementary materials can be good resources for the teacher, especially if their materials are being used in your classroom.

- <http://www.eduplace.com/>

Education Place sponsored by Houghton Mifflin.

Sponsored by Houghton Mifflin. K-8 resources for reading/language arts, science, social studies, mathematics. Links correlate with textbook series. Monthly themes. A searchable activity database. Lots of good resources whether or not you're using Houghton Mifflon textbooks. Access to sections for kids and for parents also on the homepage.

This page with site ratings is online at <http://www.merrybee.info/truse/directory.html>

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